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**The Aldhmad family are Syrian refugees who landed in Vancouver last year.** DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Rent in B.C. a 'dire' situation

HOUSING

## Problem is worse for those with lower incomes, expert says

**Liam Britten**
For Metro | Vancouver

Surprise, surprise — Lower Mainland renters spend big chunks of their income on housing.

The Canadian Rental Housing Index, released Thursday, uses data from Statistics Canada and paints a grim picture about how much of the local average income renters are paying for housing.

B.C. was found to have the highest share of rental households spending over 30 per cent of their income on rent (45.3 per cent of all renters), the highest share spending over 50 per cent (23.4 per cent) and four of the top five urban centres where people are paying over 50 per cent of their income on rent: Coquitlam, Richmond, Burnaby and Vancouver.

"The situation for those most in need is particularly dire," said BC Non-Profit Housing Association CEO Tony Roy. "We'll likely see the problem get worse before it gets better."

Twenty-eight-year-old Dylan Innes is one renter who agrees.

He and his wife both work full-time jobs and do creative freelance work. They're looking to rent a bigger place to start a family, but feel like they're being priced out.

"It starts to feel like the decisions we can make in our lives are being dictated to us by where we can afford to live," Innes said.

UBC professor of sociology Nathanael Lauster says it's worse for those with very low incomes.

"Having affordable housing can mean the ability to feed yourself and your loved ones, the ability to finish schooling, the ability to work through an addiction, the ability to make a life," he wrote in an email. "By the same token, unaffordable housing is disabling and disempowering."

He said the federal and provincial governments need to be more involved, either by boosting rental stocks, increasing the minimum wage, or even introducing a guaranteed minimum income.

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# High death rate linked to hepatitis C and psychosis

DOWNTOWN EASTSIDE

## AIDS, heroin not biggest risk factors, UBC study reveals

**Emily Jackson**
Metro | Vancouver

The death rate in the Downtown Eastside is eight times higher than the Canadian average, and treatable problems are linked to mortality, according to research from the University of British Columbia published last month.

Psychosis and liver problems related to hepatitis C were the highest risk factors for mortality, according to the study of 371 people over about four years.

Researchers recruited the participants from single-room occupancy hotels and the Downtown Community Court. Thirty-one of them died.

"We just felt an obligation to try to get a message out about this surprisingly high mortality rate for people living in the Downtown Eastside," said the study's co-author Dr. William Honer, head of UBC's psychiatry department.

They started the study to look at risk factors for vulnerable people after hearing reports of an influx of patients from the Downtown Eastside at St. Paul's Hospital in 2009, Honer said.

They were surprised to see the usual suspects, namely HIV and AIDS or heroin addiction, weren't the highest risk factors for mortality, Honer said. Rather, psychosis — an impairment in connection with reality — and persistent liver infections related to not properly treating hepatitis C were more common in people who died.

Less than one-third of people with psychosis and none of the people with liver damage were getting treatment for these problems, which can be treated, Honer said.

While he believes the mayor's declaration of a mental health crisis has drawn attention to the issue, he said this study helps provide evidence proving mental health is a major problem.

"We're helping to provide evidence to look at exactly what are the problems and exactly what are the consequences," he said.

He recommends a more integrated treatment system where people can get mental and psychical help in one spot to help prevent higher mortality rates.

"It shouldn't be one place for different treatments ... we have to look at a more integrated way."

Next steps could include better delivering health care along with housing, although that has yet to be researched extensively, Honer said. He also recommends improving the connection between emergency treatment at St. Paul's and outpatient care.

**The UBC study was conducted from an office above this pharmacy in the Downtown Eastside on Main Street at Powell.** JENNIFER GAUTHIER/FOR METRO

FIRST NATIONS

## 'A shared vision of the future'

British Columbia First Nations need to become the driving force behind an agreement that forges stronger economic and social ties with government, Premier Christy Clark told aboriginal leaders on Thursday.

"I have heard from you loud and clear that you see reconciliation as something unique to your communities," she said at the conclusion of a two-day gathering in Vancouver. "We need to go down the path of reconciliation."

Clark said she wants First Nations communities to share their unique visions of reconciliation during what will be ongoing talks with her government over the next year.

"I want you to make sure that document comes alive," she said. "Reconciliation means a shared vision of the future."

Hundreds of First Nations leaders approved a document that is viewed as a road map for future economic, social and legal relations between aboriginals and the B.C. government.

First Nations Summit Grand Chief Ed John said reconciliation issues can't be solved after two days and the road ahead may be bumpy, but all sides are willing to build a path forward.

"Reconciliation doesn't happen in a ballroom in a hotel in Vancouver, but you can set the framework for what happens in the communities," said John.

"A year ago, the premier said we are at the forks in the road," he said. "I think we're still there."

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Nordstrom spokesman John Bailey gives a media preview of the U.S. luxury retail giant's downtown Vancouver flagship location on Thursday. ALL PHOTOS BY JENNIFER GAUTHIER/METRO

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# Sears eyesore no more: Nordstrom set to open

BUSINESS

## Three-storey gem offers many perks similar to U.S. locations

Thandi Fletcher
Metro | Vancouver

It's official: the building formerly known as Vancouver's "Great White Urinal" is no more.

After three years of construction, the last tweaks of which were still being finished Thursday, U.S. retail giant Nordstrom is finally set to open the doors of its new downtown Vancouver flagship location next Friday.

Although the Seattle-based luxury retailer is taking the place of the old Sears department store, not a trace remained of the building's former tenant during a media preview of the renovated space Thursday.

Gone are the ugly white urinal-like tiles that long made the building the butt of bathroom jokes. In its place, thanks to Vancouver architect James K.M. Cheng, are shiny glass, bright lights, and soaring ceilings showcasing an impressive thread sculpture by Mexican artist Gabriel Dawe that have revamped the building into a nearly unrecognizable structure.

"This has been a labour of love for us," Nordstrom Canada president Karen McKibbin told reporters Thursday. "This building was shuttered and dormant for a really long time and ... we are really excited to bring it back to life and hopefully create an additional vibrancy to what already is an amazing retail core in a world-class city."

The three-storey, 230,000-square-foot department store located in the Pacific Centre on Robson and Granville is Nordstrom's third location to open in Canada, and the first flagship location to open outside the United States. The Vancouver store hired 942 employees locally to staff its Vancouver location.

Honouring the company's humble beginnings as a small shoe store in downtown Seattle in 1901, the Vancouver store has five shoe departments. The store also features an artisan coffee bar, upscale cocktail lounge and, on the top floor, Bistro Verde, a restaurant that showcases cityscape views above Robson Square and the Vancouver Art Gallery.

Nordstrom spokesman John Bailey said the department store also offers many of the same customer service perks that have become the retailer's strongest selling point in the U.S., like a concierge service, where shoppers can get restaurant recommendations, complimentary umbrellas or two-hour delivery free within downtown Vancouver. Anyone experiencing a "fashion emergency" can also get complimentary help from the store's 24-hour service express.

"We think the service will be great for people that might travel into Vancouver who have lost luggage and need a suit to wear to that meeting the following morning," Bailey said.

If dropping $1,695 on an Italian virgin wool Hugo Boss suit isn't your thing, bargain hunters will be pleased to know plans are already underway to bring Nordstrom Rack to Canada. But Bailey could not confirm yet whether the discount spinoff of the high-end retailer will be coming to Vancouver.

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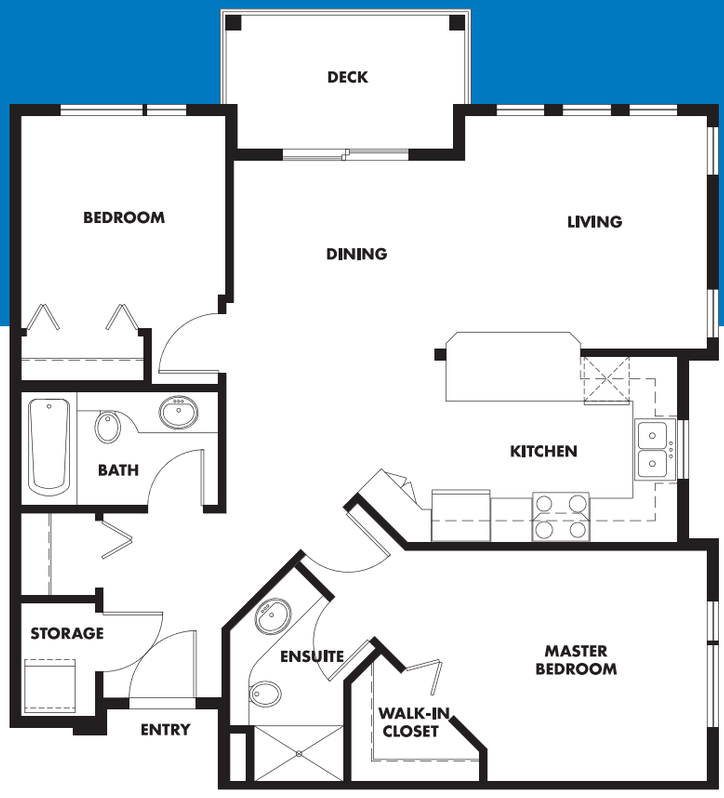


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# ‘I was one of the lucky people’

IMMIGRATION

## Syrian refugee praises services at Vancouver welcome centre

Emily Jackson
Metro | Vancouver

Syrian refugee Samer Aldhmad says his family is lucky to be in Canada and wishes every family had the chance to come here to live a normal life.

Not that Aldhmad’s life has been easy since he, his wife and five children arrived in Vancouver on Dec. 17, 2014. Their seven-year-old son Auyman has Hodgkin’s lymphoma; Aldhmad doesn’t speak English and needs language classes to land a job; and they had to repay a $7,019.47 loan to the Canadian government for their one-way flights to YVR.

Aldhmad told his story of his family’s journey from Daraa, one of the cities where the civil war began with protests in 2011, at a news conference to showcase the construction progress of the Immigrant Service Society of B.C.’s new Welcome House for refugees in East Vancouver.

**Samer Aldhmad and his wife Hanan Alawwad with their children (clockwise from top right) Omar, 1, Nour, 4, Auyman, 8, and Nawwar, 3, on the construction site of Vancouver’s new refugee welcome centre on Thursday.** EMILY JACKSON/METRO

ISS of B.C. CEO Patricia Woroch said the new centre, which will house 130 refugees for the first few weeks they arrive, will encompass all the services newcomers need including daycare, a medical centre, help setting up bank accounts and adult education.

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With his smiling children playing amongst the crowd of media, agency workers and refugees from countries including Liberia, Uganda, Burundi and Somalia, Aldhmad praised the services offered. It was his dream to come here, he said, and he was happy to pay back his loan to the government.

“I can say I’m satisfied about that because the government helped us in too many ways as well,” he said through interpreter Zeena Al-Hamadani.

His family was accepted to the country on humanitarian reasons with help from the UN Refugee Agency. Auyman spent the first four months in hospital, but now he’s well enough to attend school. His sisters Nour, 4, and Nawwar, 3, attend daycare.

“I was one of the lucky people that I could come within a short time because of my kid’s special situation, otherwise people are waiting and waiting a long time to finish this long journey,” he said.

Events such as this are keeping the refugee crisis in the headlines after a photo of a lifeless Syrian toddler washed up on a Turkish beach caught global attention last week.

Vancouver Mayor Gregor Robertson repeated his call for the federal government to increase the number of refugees it accepts to 20,000 by 2020. Big city mayors around the country, frustrated with the federal government’s “lack of action,” are meeting Friday to discuss next steps, he said.

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LABOUR DAY WEEKEND

## North Shore Rescue sees spike in emergency calls

Thandi Fletcher
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Following the late-night rescue of a woman who broke her ankle while hiking in West Vancouver on Wednesday, North Shore Rescue is again warning hikers to be adequately prepared before heading out on the trail.

Team leader Mike Danks said North Shore Rescue has been overrun with emergency calls this past summer with 29 calls in August and eight calls this month so far.

“We’ve been so busy lately, it’s been unreal,” Danks told Metro. “The calls in August were probably three times the normal amount that we’re used to, and already this month we’ve exceeded the quota that we typically have in September.”

On Wednesday night around 6:15 p.m., North Shore Rescue received a call about a woman who was stranded near St. Mark’s Summit on the Howe Sound Crest Trail north of Cypress Park.

He said the woman had a broken ankle and, although she was with someone, was unable to continue hiking down. By 8 p.m., rescue crews transported the woman off the mountain.

**Search and rescue volunteers responded to 29 emergency calls in August and another eight over the Labour Day weekend.** COURTESY NORTH SHORE RESCUE

“She was calling out for help,” said Danks. “It was very close to darkness so our team had to move very quickly.”

The incident was just the latest for the volunteer group, which carried out several rescues throughout the region over the Labour Day weekend.

“I think it really has to do with the nice weather we’re having and the influx of tourists,” said Danks. “When we have calls from people that are unprepared, that’s when it becomes a challenge.”

He urged hikers to be adequately prepared and do proper planning before heading into the backcountry. That includes packing essentials like water and food, extra clothing, a flashlight, a signalling device like a whistle or flare, fire starters, shelter, a first-aid kit, and an extra battery for a cell phone or a satellite phone.

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HIGH-RISK DESIGNATION

# Schoenborn hearing delayed

British Columbia's prosecution service has initiated the first attempt in Canada to designate a mentally ill man as a "high-risk" accused, years after he was declared not criminally responsible for killing his three children.

But those arguments have been delayed while new defence lawyers for Allan Schoenborn read over "a fair degree" of disclosure describing the man's current psychiatric state.

"We just don't know much about a lot of the information," defence lawyer Rishi Gill told a B.C. Supreme Court judge on Thursday. "We were just retained last week."

The judge ruled that the first hearing for the unprecedented case would be adjourned for four weeks.

The province's Criminal Justice Branch announced last week it was initiating an application for the "high-risk" label for Schoenborn.

He was found not criminally responsible on account of mental disorder at a 2010 trial and confined to a psychiatric hospital in suburban Vancouver, which he has never left.

A judge found Schoenborn was suffering psychosis when he stabbed his 10-year-old daughter and smothered his eight and five-year-old sons in their Merritt, B.C., home in 2008.

The province is now seeking the designation created under new Conservative government legislation that gives power to the courts to indefinitely hold people found not criminally responsible.

A successful application would reverse the decision by a three-member panel of the B.C. Review Board made last May, that granted Schoenborn escorted community outings.

The tribunal's decision stated that Schoenborn's illness had been in remission for many years.

The family of the victims, which has been pressuring the provincial and federal governments for tighter controls on Schoenborn, wants the B.C. Supreme Court to overturn the tribunal's decision.

Schoenborn should be declared a threat to the public, said a spokesman for Darcie Clarke, Schoenborn's estranged wife and the mother of the three victims.

Dave Teixeira told reporters outside the court that the family doesn't believe the Review Board made its decision using evidence.

"I believe that the courts will agree with the family and probably with most of Canadians that we're not willing and ready to take that risk with him just yet," Teixeira said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

**BACKGROUND**

The victims' family wants the "high-risk" declaration made in order to legally allow the B.C. Review Board to put Schoenborn into treatment for three years, while banning him from opportunities to enter the community.

> **They're looking at what I call 'touchy-feely sentiments,' and they're willing to take a chance on Mr. Schoenborn.**
> Dave Teixeira on the Review Board's decision

**The Liberal leader says his "historic" commitment would create jobs and quadruple federal investment in infrastructure.** LIAM BRITTEN/METRO

# Trudeau vows $20B for public transit

ELECTIONS 2015

## Municipalities, provinces will decide project priorities

**Liam Britten**
Metro | Vancouver

With the region still reeling from its failed plebiscite, Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau stopped by Vancouver Thursday to promise more funding for public transit.

Trudeau promised an additional $20 billion over 10 years for public transit projects, although was scant on details, saying he would leave it up to the provinces and the cities to decide exactly how that money is spent if elected.

Trudeau said his "historic" funding commitment would create jobs and quadruple federal investment in transit infrastructure as part of a larger $60 billion, 10-year infrastructure plan aimed at creating jobs and stimulating the economy.

"Lack of federal funding will no longer be a roadblock to action. When it comes to transit, the need is real and the projects are ready to go," he said, name-checking Vancouver's proposed Broadway subway and light rail in Surrey as such projects.

> **Lack of federal funding will no longer be a roadblock to action.**
> Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau

However, Trudeau said he would not commit to funding any particular projects and left that up to provincial and municipal governments.

"We've been conditioned to look at the federal government as the one who decides which projects get built, even though the expertise is right here at city hall, in municipal offices across the city, is in listening to community leaders and provincial experts," he said.

Trudeau was questioned by reporters about comments he made during a CBC interview which aired Tuesday.

He made comments that some small businesses are formed by the wealthy to avoid paying taxes, and on Thursday, he was asked if he formed a small business to manage his public speaking business for that very reason.

Trudeau noted that the Liberals committed to lowering taxes for small businesses. As to the creation of his own small business, Trudeau said he followed all of the laws.

**IN BRIEF**

**Premier denounces advice from singer Miley Cyrus**

British Columbia's premier is suggesting singer Miley Cyrus stick to twerking instead of interfering with the province's environmental policies.

Christy Clark says Cyrus doesn't know anything about the reasons behind B.C.'s wolf cull, which she says is necessary to protect endangered caribou.

Cyrus has urged fans to sign an online petition against the wolf hunt, saying it's a "tax-payer funded kill program."

Environmentalists have criticized the government's plans to hunt 184 wolves in the South Selkirk and South Peace.

The petition was posted online by a group in January. Clark says that if the province needs any advice on twerking — or dancing provocatively — it may contact Cyrus.
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**Stephen Harper and wife, Laureen, pose with a young girl dressed as Anne of Green Gables as they depart Charlottetown, P.E.I., on Thursday.** ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Harper hits reset button

ELECTION 2015

## Tory leader looks past inner circle for help with campaign

A rattled Stephen Harper convened a quiet and private dinner this week at friend's home in Toronto in a bid to reset a troubled Conservative campaign, Torstar News Service has learned.

Harper — who is "his own gut-check" as one insider puts it — reached out beyond his own trusted circle "inside the bubble" of the senior campaign ranks to people on the outside, a small knot of individuals who examined where Harper was, and where he was going.

Down fast, according to some polls.

It was a key turning point, sources say. A chance for Harper to huddle with some pals and focus on what had to be done.

Headlines this week played up the exit of campaign manager Jenni Byrne, who spent two weeks on the campaign plane during the Duffy trial, and her return to Ottawa party headquarters.

On Thursday, more headlines: a report that Australian polling consultant Lynton Crosby was parachuting in to pull the rip-cords on a campaign in free-fall.

Dubbed the Wizard of Oz, the "arrival" of the brash, tough-talking hard-nosed strategist who has worked on Boris Johnson's London mayoral bid and U.K. Prime Minister David Cameron's campaign team, appeared to breathlessly confirm the narrative that Harper's senior campaign team needed adult supervision or, worse, rescue.

But several senior Conservatives denied, on and off the record, that it was the case.

Campaign spokesman Kory Teneycke downplayed Crosby's role, saying "he is not here," that Crosby had a longstanding involvement with the party in past years, and with the 2015 campaign team since last March. In fact, he goes back to the day when Doug Finley was running the Conservatives' campaigns. Finley died in 2013 — a loss still felt in some Conservative circles.

It appears Crosby has been involved in testing responses to campaign messaging but is not, as was reported, re-framing key messages or designing ads for a sinking ship.

And though it had been a terrible week, sources inside and outside the campaign say, the dissension in the ranks had largely settled, though irritants — like the leak about Crosby's role — infuriated still.

Nevertheless, by Thursday, Harper, who'd been visibly irritated at questions about his campaign team, put paid to any suggestion they'd lost his confidence.

Asked about the performance of campaign manager Jenni Byrne on Thursday Harper refused to comment, saying he won't discuss "questions of staffing."

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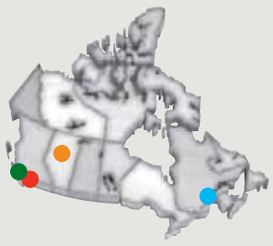

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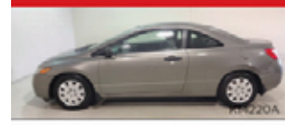

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# Rethinking electives

Forget making ashtrays in shop class — these days, high school students can choose from an array of unique electives, whether they're learning how to build an igloo, produce their own film, construct flying machines with the help of 3D printers, or critically analyze the implications of genocide. It's enough to make anyone want to go back to school.

**Deena Douara**
Metro | Toronto

There may have been a time when the most radical thing you did in school was dissect a frog. Today's students, though, are exposed to electives enticing enough to consider going back to school for. Across the country, teachers are striving to create unique experiences for their students. The following is a sampling of what some high school students will be signing up for this year.

### Genocide and Crimes Against Humanity — Toronto District School Board

Rather than simply teaching past horrors that we've supposedly risen above and evolved from, teacher Raneem Azzam for three years challenged her students at Avondale Secondary Alternative to examine whether they may be complicit in modern injustices in a course being offered in select schools across the TDSB this year. Through analysis of colonialism, racism, dehumanization and ultimately, genocide, her students are equipped to critically analyze the present.

"It's important for students to have a chance to look at history from a social-justice lens as opposed to seeing it through militaristic or nationalistic perspectives," says Azzam, who is not teaching the course this year. After looking at identity formation, discrimination, and the roles of bystanders, rescuers, and opportunists, the course culminates with students selecting a case study and formulating their own thesis about how and why genocide took place and the implications for future generations.

"It can be overwhelming or disheartening at times, but I think … can make students hopeful instead of fatalistic because when you understand how individuals and societies can participate in such atrocities, you have a better sense of how to prevent and stop them."

### Igloo Building, Kayak Making, Introduction to Archeology — Netsilik Ilihakvik School, Taloyoak, Nunavut

While many of us have only seen igloos depicted in picture books, Inuit people need a better understanding. Knowing how to make one is a life-saving skill, explains principal Gina Pizzo. "People get lost and stranded every year," she says.

**Ian Aklah, a student at Netsilik Ilihakvik School in Taloyoak, Nunavut, stands on an igloo he helped build.** CONTRIBUTED

> **It's important for students to have a chance to look at history from a social-justice lens.**
> Raneem Azzam, teacher

At Netsilik Ilihakvik School, elders teach students to test snow for strength, evaluate depth, measure, cut and stack blocks at the appropriate angles, create a sleeping platform and fill gaps.

Students even go out in January, when temperatures can reach -40 C.

Igloo-making is just one of three lessons under the cultural-studies elective. Students also become archaeologists, exploring the land for artifacts after the community has moved on, such as ancient fox traps, tent rings, caches used to preserve meats, and rock structures used to hide hunters from caribou. Finally, Pizzo says students learn the nearly lost art of kayak-making.

"The cultural knowledge and language is part of who the people are," she says. "It's important to preserve that knowledge, and from time to time that knowledge of being on the land … comes in pretty handy."

### Gaelic — Citadel High School, Halifax School District, Nova Scotia

Gaelic culture is an important part of the history of Nova Scotia, but as recently as 10 years ago, the culture appeared to be at risk, Gaelic program co-ordinator Melissa Shaw says.

"But the momentum is strong right now." She says due to "phenomenal" interest, her school offers both Gaelic history and language courses.

Shaw explains that Gaels were told their language was backwards and were widely discouraged to teach it to their children to instead focus on English. As a result, an entire generation has little or no knowledge of the language, while the next generation attempts to reclaim it. "It's time," says Shaw.

Many of the students enrol because it's important to them on a personal level.

Alysha Danielle Mogensen, 17, is enrolled for her third year of Gaelic and plans to continue after graduating. "It became really important to me as I started taking it and got to know the community," she says. "It's a very cool culture and language and it's been dying out more and more. I think it's important we keep it going."

Mogensen and her peers learn through songs and stories while also learning about Gaelic music, drama and technology. The learnings culminate in a final fèis, or festival, where the entire community is invited to partake in fiddle, step dance, highland dance, storytelling and language workshops.

### The Delta Film Acting Academy and Production Academy — Delta School District, B.C.

Secondary students across Delta School District get the opportunity to study acting and film production in an intensive, practical way with the aim of helping them launch careers in the industry.

In the production stream, aspiring film, television and documentary makers actually produce a movie, starting with a concept and concluding with a gala screening.

"There's an overwhelming sense of pride that they could take an idea and work together … to take it all the way to the end," says Paige Hansen, co-founder and district vice-principal of academy programs. "I think it's extremely empowering for young people to go 'Wow, look at what I just did and look what I can do.' And it's something they walk away with, forever."

**Delta Film Academy students shoot a scene.** CONTRIBUTED

"My favourite is probably writing and directing," says Kama Sood, who has visited his actor father on sets. "When I joined the Academy is when I really realized I do want to work in the film industry."

Throughout the year, students learn from film professionals like storyboard artists, visual effects artists, directors, agents and actors, while also attending sets, industry events and career expos. Delta is ideally situated, Hansen explains, due to its high volume of film production.

### Intro to Engineering — W.P. Wagner, Edmonton Public Schools, Alberta

Things that buzz are left to go on their merry way in Victor Wong's classroom. That's because there's a good chance the thing is a student-made nano-quadcopter (more commonly referred to as drones).

In W.P. Wagner's inaugural Intro to Engineering last year, Wong helped Grade 10 students use gadgets, tools and technology toward the production of functional products.

He says the experiential pass-fail course is unique in how it integrates engineering concepts with chemistry, physics and biochemistry. Students work in the computer lab, lab room and a workshop equipped with a 3D printer.

> **We're really pushing the idea of students as makers and tinkerers who are driving their own learning.**
> Shauna Cornwell, teacher

"The best part is getting out of the classroom and into the shop where we could really use our own ideas and put them to the test," says Tomas Spasiuk, who took the course last year. "It was fully hands-on and at the end you always had something substantial."

Vice-principal Martin Fechner, who helped develop the course, explains that post-secondary institutions were complaining that students "can't collaborate, they can't think on their own, and can't be creative."

He says the course pushes students to work together to problem-solve, independent of the teacher. "You have the resources, you figure it out," says Fechner of their approach. Wong adds that the experience of "constructive failure" is transformational for some students accustomed to constant success.

### STEAM Program (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math education) — Winnipeg School Division

Some lucky students in Winnipeg will walk into a beanbag-chair and standing-desk classroom with iPads, SMART boards, Lego robotics, a green screen, recording devices and studio lights at their disposal.

"We're really pushing the idea of students as makers and tinkerers who are driving their own learning," explains Shauna Cornwell, WSP enrichment and innovation consultant.

The STEAM enrichment program, launched last year, takes select students in grades 4 to 6 from across the division to an off-site classroom-lab to pursue self-generated inquiry projects while also coming together for "instant challenges" and smaller projects, like creating Rube Goldberg machines, weekly news broadcasts and stop-motion films.

"They have to use design thinking to solve problems and answer questions," says Cornwell, adding that the emphasis is on critical thinking, communication, collaboration and creativity.

**A man carries belongings in Oyama, Tochigi prefecture, north-east of Tokyo on Thursday. Heavy rain is hitting Japan for a second straight day, overflowing rivers and causing landslides in the eastern part of the country.** KYODO NEWS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Japan struck by flooding

NATURAL DISASTER

## 30,000 must flee homes as pummeling rains continue

Raging floodwaters broke through an embankment Thursday and swamped a city near Tokyo, washing away houses, forcing dozens of people to rooftops to await helicopter rescues and leaving one man clinging for his life to a utility pole.

There were no immediate reports of casualties, but rescue officials said they were overwhelmed by pleas for help. More than 30,000 were ordered to flee their homes, and hundreds more were stranded by the water. As of late Thursday, more than 3,500 people were staying in evacuation centres.

As heavy rain pummeled Japan for a second straight day, the Kinugawa River broke through a flood berm, sending water gushing into the eastern half of Joso, a city of 60,000 people about 50 kilometres northeast of Tokyo.

Aerial videos showed a wide swath of cityscape underwater, more than one storey deep in some places. The rains came on the heels of Tropical Storm Etau, which caused flooding and landslides elsewhere Wednesday as it crossed central Japan.

Yuko Kawamoto, 58, said she decided to leave her home with her 80-year-old mother after watching TV images of the water pouring out of the embankment. "It almost looked like a tsunami," she said.

She said the muddy water was ankle-deep when they left their house, carrying duffel bags and an umbrella each, and was almost up to their hips when they reached the evacuation centre.

Japanese broadcasters showed live video of rescuers being lowered from helicopters and clambering onto second-floor balconies to reach stranded residents. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### BY THE NUMBERS

As of Thursday evening, nine people were possibly missing because authorities could not reach them, city official Takao Kobayashi said. Authorities had rescued 70 of the 176 people who had requested help. Another 100 people were reported trapped on the second floor of a flooded supermarket, and 80 more in a nursing home.

A total of 3,580 people in the affected 37-square-kilometre area were sheltered at schools, community centres and other safer areas. Military troops were delivering food, blankets and water to about 780 people in several communities who were stranded but not seeking rescue.

CHINA

# No indictment for detained journalist

A Chinese journalist detained by police two years ago over online speech had his name cleared Thursday when Beijing prosecutors decided not to indict him at all.

Liu Hu, then a reporter for the newspaper New Express, was caught in an aggressive government campaign in 2013 to crack down on online rumours and rein in China's rapidly growing social media.

Unnerved by the new media's potential to usurp the state's power over public discourse, authorities shut down social media accounts that questioned the government's policy and practice. Police detained dozens of people.

Liu was taken away in August 2013 for his whistleblowing posts on senior government officials, a move then seen as a sign that Beijing would not tolerate the public as a watchdog in its anti-graft drive.

On Thursday, Liu said he believed the order to detain him came from a high-level public security official who was a close friend of one of the government officials Liu had accused of possible wrongdoings.

Liu's lawyers argued then the journalist's online speech violated no law and warned of the detention's chilling effects on public speech.

After nearly a year in jail, Liu was released pending trial in August 2014.

He said prosecutors formally notified him Thursday that he will not face any charge. Liu's lawyers confirmed the decision, which had somewhat been expected since Liu's conditional release last year.

Liu said his life had been turned upside down and that he plans to seek state compensation for the tribulations. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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## IN BRIEF

**Numbers into Greece double in four days**

The International Organization for Migration says its estimate of the number of Syrians who have arrived in Greece this year has nearly doubled in just the last four days to more than 175,000 people.

The agency attributes the jump to an accelerated influx of Syrians in recent days and a lag by overwhelmed Greek authorities in determining the nationalities of those arriving. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**Europe to blame for crisis, Syrian minister argues**

Syria's information minister on Thursday said Europe should bear full responsibility for the flood of Syrian refugees streaming into the continent because of its past policies in backing those fighting to overthrow the government in Damascus.

The minister, Omran al-Zoubi, said the migrants are mostly fleeing areas held by rivals of President Bashar Assad's government. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Migrants get help from social media to plan trip

metro The Syrian Crisis
Political Fallout

## Syrians, Iraqis going online before they go on the road

**Refugees check their mobiles aboard a ferry travelling from the northeastern Greek island of Lesbos to the port of Piraeus, Thursday.** SANTI PALACIOS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The 26-year-old Syrian economics graduate knew exactly what to do and where to go.

Amr Zaidah, with the aid of GPS, helped pilot the inflatable boat that brought him and about 30 more migrants to the closest spot to the village of Molivos on Lesbos, one of several Greek islands that have this summer served the tens of thousands of migrants as a first stop on the journey to western Europe.

Molivos, he knew, was where buses were taking migrants to the capital of Lesbos, Mytilene, some 50 kilometres to the south. The alternative would be a punishing trek on narrow dirt tracks hugging the coast and lined by olive trees, a stretch of highway and a narrow road that cuts through rolling hills.

At Mytilene, Zaidah also knew, he and the eight friends he came with could seek the official document that allows them to continue their journey.

"I have researched our journey for more than two months," said Zaidah, a native of the Syrian city of Aleppo who has worked the past two years as an accountant in Istanbul.

"I used social media networks to look into where to go, who is the best smuggler to hire and what stuff we needed for the trip," he said.

"I familiarized myself with weather forecasts, wind patterns and how to avoid being conned out of our money by smugglers."

Zaidah is one of the thousands of mostly young Syrians and Iraqis who have been taking advantage of social media networks and smartphone apps to guide their journey across the sea from Turkey and onward to Western Europe.

On one Facebook group, for example, Syrians and others who already made the trip across the Aegean Sea share the names and telephone numbers of good smugglers in Turkey, warn of pitfalls and give other advice. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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SYRIA

## Russia sending troops to ally

Russia has been sending military forces into Syria in recent days, Israel's defence chief announced Thursday, as Moscow hinted at broader action to bolster President Bashar Assad's embattled army following a string of battlefield losses.

The increased Russian activity in Syria reflects Moscow's deep concerns that its longtime ally is on the brink of collapse, as well as hopes by President Vladimir Putin that a common battle against Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant extremists can improve Russia's ties with the West, strained over Ukraine.

> **At this stage we are talking about a limited force.**
> Moshe Yaalon, Israeli Defence Minister

But the strategy could be risky — and unless Russia sends large numbers of troops, halting the territorial gains made by Islamic militants could prove tough.

Israeli Defence Minister Moshe Yaalon told reporters Thursday that the Russian buildup appears to be limited for the time being. "As far as we understand, at this stage we are talking about a limited force that includes advisers, a security team and preparations for operating planes and combat helicopters," Yaalon said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

GAMBLING

## Canada losing jackpot: Experts

As the Pittsburgh Steelers and New England Patriots kick off the NFL regular season Thursday night, many Canadians will be cracking open their wallets for another season of picking a winner.

Yet experts say casinos and governments are missing out on a revenue jackpot as Canadians increasingly turn to gambling websites outside Canadian jurisdiction.

The Criminal Code places strict constraints on those who offer sports betting in Canada, including a rule banning bets on the outcome of a single game.

Yet there is no prohibition on Canadian punters putting money down through online bookmakers such as Bet365 that can offer bets on single games as well as in-game wagers on individual plays and individual players.

"The Canadian casino operators and lottery corporations can't offer that product, but Canadians still have access to it through the Internet," said Canadian Gaming Association vice-president Paul Burns. "Because of the Internet, sports betting is a global business."

Sports gambling in Canada is regulated by the federal Criminal Code, while provinces have control over how betting and gaming is conducted.

Burns said Canadians spend around $4 billion a year on online sports betting, compared with $500 million on sports lottery products such as Ontario's Pro-Line.

Instead of flowing into government coffers via taxes and revenue-sharing, he said, that $4 billion per year leaves the country. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Caver unearths new hominid

SOUTH AFRICA

## Ancient member of human family tree discovered

Jagged rocks hooked into Steven Tucker's overalls as he squeezed through a crack deep in a subterranean cave. Upon emerging at the other end, he saw he was in a chamber dripping with stalactites. Then his headlamp shone onto a bone. Then more bones, and half of a skull.

It was the night of Sept. 13, 2013, and Tucker and his caving partner had just discovered the remains of what scientists would later determine to be a new member of the human family tree. The announcement of the discovery was made by scientists on Thursday, with Tucker looking on.

Tucker was only trying to get out of fellow caver Rick Hunter's way, inching to the side, on a different intended route when he stepped into the crack in the network of caves known as Rising Star. He'd heard of the crack before, but despite having been down this cave more than 20 times before, he had never noticed it, nor known of any other caver who had ventured down it.

**A reconstruction of Homo naledi's face.** MARK THIESSEN/ NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

He shone his headlamp down the dark crevice, and couldn't see where it ended. He knew of at least one other caver who also stared down the crack, and decided it was too dangerous. He began to lower himself, feet-first, into the narrow vertical opening.

"It's exciting to find something new," Tucker, now 27, said on Thursday, trying to explain why he took the risk.

Tucker, just wiry enough to fit, followed the crack deeper into the earth for nearly 12 metres.

"It's 18 centimetres wide, with these jagged rocks, sticking into you from all sides. And suddenly at the bottom, it opens up into a large chamber with really stunning stalactites hanging from the ceiling," Tucker said, hunching his shoulders and jutting his elbows out as he re-enacted the descent.

The 50,000-hectare area of hilly grasslands where the two were spelunking is recognized as the Cradle of Humankind, featuring a network of caves that has yielded nearly 40 per cent of known hominid fossils, according to the University of the Witwatersrand in Johannesburg. But the bones in this particular chamber had apparently remained undiscovered until Tucker entered it.

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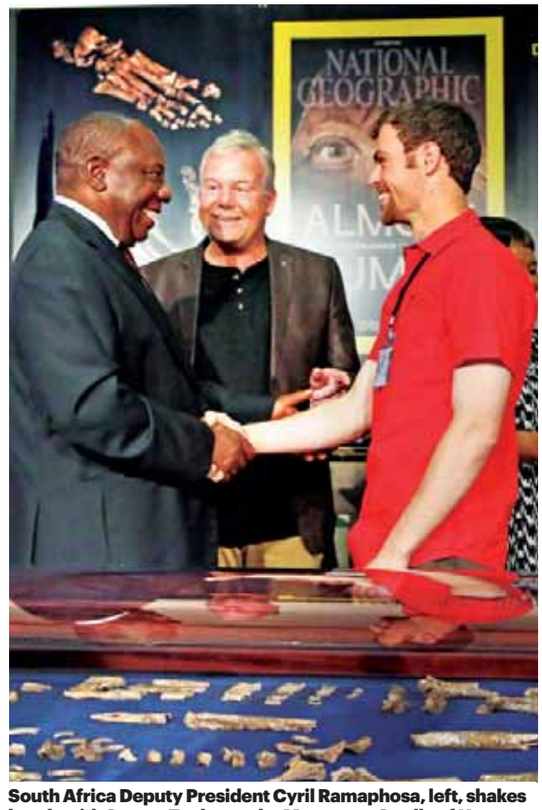


**South Africa Deputy President Cyril Ramaphosa, left, shakes hands with Steven Tucker at the Maropeng Cradle of Humankind in Magaliesburg, South Africa, Thursday.**

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### THE FIND

The discovery of an almost complete mandible told cavers Steven Tucker and Rick Hunter that they had found something almost human.

"You could see half of a skull sticking out of the floor," Tucker said. "Of course, at that time we had no idea what we had found."

A week later they made their way through the cave again, and photographed their find. They sent the photos to geologist Pedro Boshoff, who alerted paleontologist Lee Berger, who went onto become the lead paleontologist on the discovery of Homo naledi. It was only when the cavers saw Berger's excitement that they realized just how big their discovery was.

At the news conference announcing the discovery of Homo naledi, a potential new member of the human family tree, Tucker was joined by other cavers who volunteered on the excavation for nearly two years. Berger called them "underground astronauts."

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# Creating bold new worlds

COMMENTARY

## Super Mario Maker lets fans design, share their own levels

Of all the obstacles Super Mario has faced in three decades as a video-game superstar, perhaps the biggest has been challenging level design.

The famous plumber has rocketed through the clouds, faced the dangers of the deep and traversed fiery caves in his ceaseless quests to rescue Princess Peach from the clutches of the bellicose Bowser.

Now gamers themselves can see how they stack up with Nintendo's developers with Super Mario Maker, out Friday for the Wii U to coincide with Super Mario's 30th anniversary.

The game's toolbox has plenty to get new players started as they construct their levels. Players can easily choose where to put enemies, power-ups and traps. More elements become available over time.

No matter when you got into Super Mario's adventures, there will be something here to suit your tastes. You can make levels based on the aesthetic of the 1985 original or plot a course with the polished HD visuals of the Wii U's New Super Mario Bros.

One of the coolest features is the ability to change that aesthetic on the fly, so you can start out plotting a level using the classic 16-bit look of Super Mario World and then change instantly to see how your level would look in an 8-bit or modern game.

**Players get a sneak peek during E3, an annual gaming convention, in June. Nintendo's newest title was released Friday for its Wii U console to coincide with the title character's 30-year anniversary. Inset: a level created using the software's tool box.**

FREDERIC J. BROWN/AFP/GETTY IMAGES; INSET: NINTENDO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Super Mario Maker saves gamers from too much complexity. There is no need to worry about scripting enemy behaviour — just plop a Koopa Troopa on the screen and watch him go.

You will want your levels to be as polished as possible, of course, before submitting them to a jury of your peers. The game's "course world" lets players share their courses online, as well as play and rate levels designed by others.

So long as there are creators making levels, the replay value of Super Mario Maker is very high. One of the early trial levels on offer had Mario running a deadly gauntlet of cannon fire in order to reach his goal with no margin for error. It made the toughest of Super Mario's previous adventures look like Candy Crush.

The game retails on Nintendo's eShop for $69.99, which some may argue is high for what is essentially a level editor, even if it's a very good one.

But series fans who have always wanted to put Mario through twisted trials of their own should get their money's worth. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## IN BRIEF

### Weakened loonie forces Dollarama to raise prices

Dollarama says the weaker Canadian dollar is forcing it to raise prices and could lead the discount retailer to increase its current price threshold from $3 to as much as $4 by late next year.

"The probability is in the third and fourth quarter of next year, we'll have to move our price points up," CEO Larry Rossy said Thursday during a conference call. "We like to maintain our prices as long as we can, but this is really an exceptional time where the Canadian dollar has gone so poorly against the U.S. dollar." THE CANADIAN PRESS

## market minute

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AUTO INDUSTRY

## Fiat Chrysler issues recall for 250K Ram trucks in Canada

Fiat Chrysler is recalling more than 250,000 trucks sold in Canada to deal with problems that may affect driver-side airbag deployment and steering in Ram pickups and Chassis Cabs.

In one of several announcements Thursday, Fiat Chrysler says 235,925 trucks in Canada are part of a global recall of more than 1.3 million vehicles to inspect and service a steering wheel harness that can become worn and cause inadvertent air bag deployment on the driver's side.

The company said it was aware of two related injuries, but no accidents. It says 1.06 million of the vehicles covered by that recall were sold in the United States.

Another recall to inspect and service bracket welds that may reduce steering response affects nearly 193,600 vehicles worldwide — 20,603 in Canada.

A third recall, of 188,000 trucks in the United States, is to ensure side-curtain air bags comply with U.S. regulations to reduce the risk of an occupant being ejected during a rollover. It affects Ram 1500 Quad Cab pickups from 2014 and 2015.

An investigation by the company discovered certain supplied steering components may have welds with insufficient fusion. This may lead to separation. It says there could be diminished steering response. THE CANADIAN PRESS, WITH FILES FROM THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ONLINE PRIVACY

## Microsoft criticized for Windows 10

Microsoft's new Windows 10 operating system has been praised for improving upon the flaws of its predecessor, but the company is facing widespread criticism for what some are calling invasive data collection.

Under its default privacy settings, Windows 10 tracks the way users type, what applications they use, their browsing history and other personal data.

Windows 10 also sends a weekly "activity update" on children's web browsing and computer history to their parents. Some parents have publicly described receiving those emails from Microsoft as "creepy."

Users have to actively turn off the features to stop the tracking.

Microsoft did not respond to a request for comment but the company has said it uses the information to improve its services, and insists the information is anonymized.

Some experts argue that personal information is the new currency of the digital age.

The company is hardly alone in using personal data to track its users, technology analyst Carmi Levy points out.

"Most people see a free service like Facebook or Twitter and they assume that it has absolutely no strings attached," he said.

Microsoft is offering Windows 10 as a no-cost upgrade for many of its users, yet Levy says there's no such thing as a free launch.

"We pay with our data, we pay with our personal information," he said, adding most tracking is benign and can improve the user experience by remembering individualized settings. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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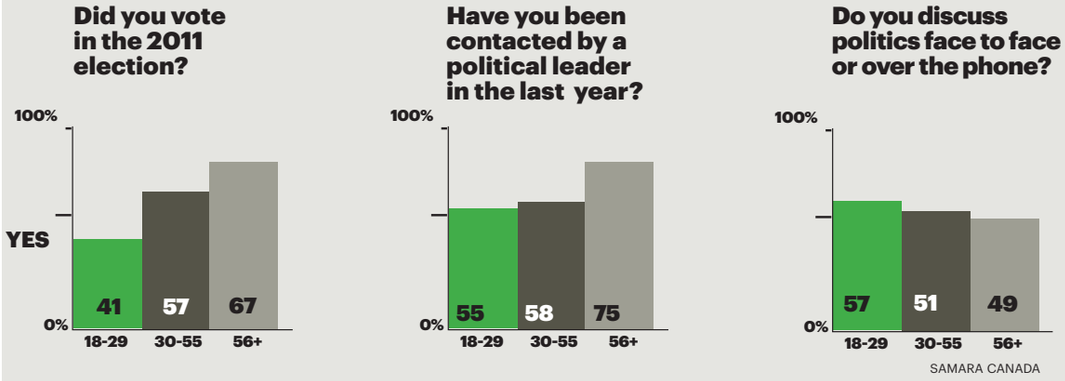
metro's election explainer

# Why don't young people vote?

For years, we've been hearing about **apathetic**, **disengaged** youth who don't bother to vote. But new evidence suggests we shouldn't use those two descriptors interchangeably: Though people under 30 vote at much lower rates, they're more likely than older adults to participate in political activities such as attending public meetings, signing petitions or protesting for a cause. All of these are arguably more work than getting to the ballot box. So what gives? Politicians and campaign volunteers, says the non-profit Samara Canada, aren't getting in touch with young people, in part because traditional methods — mailed pamphlets and landline calls — don't work well for cellphone-using serial subletters. But if the parties don't believe young people want to talk politics, they're likely less motivated to try. And they're missing out: According to Statistics Canada, youth turnout increases by an average of 15 percentage points among those who were contacted by campaigners.

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## THE KOHLER REPORT: ON THE EVIL MAGIC OF MIRRORS

# Sometimes I look at myself and see an OK-looking youngish woman; sometimes I see a bag of garbage.

You know that drawing they show you at school that's either an old lady or a young woman, depending on how you look at it? I'm sad to report that I am that drawing.

Sometimes I look at myself and see an OK-looking youngish woman; sometimes I see a bag of garbage who clearly needs a nap.

My confusion is not emotional; it's technical. It has little to do with self-esteem and everything to do with what mirror I'm looking in. It's amazing how a mirror can make or break my day.

I was shopping for clothes the other day at a store whose name rhymes with The Pap (I chose "Pap" because my experience there was barely more enjoyable than undergoing a medical exam that rhymes with tap fear). As I got undressed in the change room, I became startled when I saw that a haggard woman with cellulite on her face was also getting undressed in the change room. I was about to call security ("Have this beast removed!") when I realized that woman was me.

How could this be? I'd left my house a fresh-faced, dewy-lipped vixen and wound up a meth-head with under-eye bags packed for a camping trip. This was a case of good lighting versus bad lighting. At home I've rigged it so that I have light coming from both sides of my mirror; meanwhile, fitting rooms at The Pap employ the diffuse overhead lighting of a hospital cafeteria.

Needless to say, I didn't buy anything. It's amazing to me that a major chain store hasn't done everything it can to show you your best self while wearing its garments. It's hard to feel good in a blouse when it looks like you're coming down with the plague.

On the flip side, there's a less-than-great bar I used to suggest to prospective dates because the bathroom lighting made me look I'd just gotten back from a sunny vacation and finished a cleanse. As bad as bad lighting can be, good lighting can erase wrinkles, zits and bags, acting like Wite-Out for the skin.

Here's the question I struggle with: Which mirror should I believe? If I'm to believe the windows on the subway, or most elevator mirrors, then I'd might as well stop going out in public. It's too bad we don't have a more consistent representation of our appearances.

I imagine I lie somewhere between the meth-head and the tanned, wrinkle-free woman. And I guess I can live with that, because I don't have much choice.

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## ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

metroview

# Unless I'm leaning into your neck, the best scent is no scent

My mum doesn't often wear perfume, but when she does, it is Fendi.

The smell — more spicy than sweet — conjures floral silk scarves and dark pews of a church.

I'd forgotten that until yesterday, when a colleague piped up in a conversation on the uselessness of cologne. "I like having a signature scent," she said, contrarily.

And mum came to mind.

A signature scent, my colleague went on, is not about just anyone smelling you. The era of boutique fragrances with names like Victory Wolf and Realism is about a unique scent that's intended only for you, or someone entering your personal space. These aren't the CK One high-school-dance days.

I'd been saying that cologne should be banned. Or that no one should want to wear it. It's like the thick and unappetizing icing on supermarket cakes that everyone avoids.

If, as happened recently, I have to move seats in a café because a man with an overbearing stench has sat down next to me, he might as well have terrible body odour. The positive outcome he's looking for (to smell enticing) ends up being a severe negative (he smells horrible). I have to move, and he comes off smelling desperate. Olfactory sleaze. What's the point of wearing the stuff, when it is, to quote another colleague, a social net negative?

Unless I'm leaning into your neck, the best scent is no scent at all.

And while I've been known to like lavender oil, I still think, in that personal space, all perfumes and colognes pale compared to a person's natural smell. It's always been one of the sexiest things about any man I've dated. I even prefer the tang of sweat. The smell of a body brings up the image of the body, and what could be more enticing?

I've even used cologne to separate the men I'd be happy to date from those I would avoid. And I don't wear any scent.

In words often attributed to Coco Chanel, we hear, "A woman who doesn't wear perfume has no future."

As badly as that may bode for me, the opposite is true for a man who wears too much. Smell is about memory. It's about desires and associations — all of which can be good or bad. My colleague even changes her perfumes from time to time and can't go back to the old ones, entwined as they are with the places she used to live, the person she used to be.

I may have no future, but the anxiously over-perfumed man has no date.

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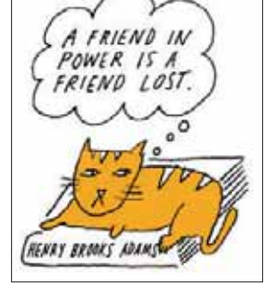

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# The day TIFF stood still

REMEMBERING 9-11

## Art prevailed over terror in a dark moment of festival history

Richard Crouse
For Metro Canada

People attend a memorial on Sept. 11, 2013, as the 'Tribute in Light' shines from the Manhattan skyline next to One World Trade Center. GETTY IMAGES

Like millions of people I remember exactly what I was doing the morning of Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2001.

When the first plane hit the World Trade Center I was walking down Bloor Street in Toronto, on my way to the Inter-Continental hotel to do a day of Toronto International Film Festival coverage.

I didn't register anything unusual in the air until I got to the hotel. People on the street may have been walking and talking a bit faster, acting a bit more animated than usual, but not so that I noticed.

Entering the hotel was a different story. The halls were eerily silent.

What was usually a cheery beehive of activity with camera crews, stressed publicists and actors roaming around, was now quiet, still.

At 9 a.m. I walked into our makeshift interview suite on the third floor just as the second plane hit. My crew were sitting around the television. Sobs from the rooms next to ours broke the stunned silence.

What the hell was going on?

What was going on was a change in all our lives; a new era where the unthinkable became possible.

It was a confusing day. With no details we, like many others, pressed on with the business at hand.

David Lynch came and went, smoking American Spirits and chatting about his film Mulholland Drive.

A handful of others walked the halls, unsure of what else to do, keeping previously scheduled interview slots.

When I mentioned to New York actress Adrienne Shelly that I couldn't reach my girlfriend, who was living in Manhattan, she loaned me her cellphone.

"For some reason it seems to get through," she said.

It did, and after a quick call to make sure she was safe, the full impact of what had just happened sunk in. Sometimes the small stuff, the personal things — like the anxious voice at the other end of the line — help you understand the magnitude of a grim situation.

We cancelled the rest of the day but I stayed put, talking to my hotel neighbours, most of whom were Americans, many from New York.

There were hugs, tears and bafflement in equal measure. TIFF elected to cancel many of the day's events and tone down the glitz for the rest of the festival.

But the show would go on and in that moment art won over terror.

What we began to hear were stories from New York filmmakers who, with all flights cancelled to and from the city, were loading cans of film into their cars and driving to the festival.

It wasn't about vanity and it wasn't about ego.

It was about filmmakers, the storytellers of our times, the people who document our lives, not being silenced.

The rest of the festival was a sombre affair but there was a steeliness uncommon at the usually glitzy event. We gathered, watched films, communicated and healed, sending a message that the uncertainty of the times would not prevent us from expressing ourselves, from sharing stories.

Fourteen years later I think back to those days and realize that terror didn't win on 9/11.

As long as we don't allow ourselves to go silent, as long as we breathe life into our stories and experiences on film and elsewhere, we won't and can't live in fear.

Jessup stars in Closet Monster, which has a world premiere at TIFF on Sunday, Sept. 13. HANDOUT

# Homegrown talent

INTERVIEW

## Actor, director Jessup has two entries in this year's TIFF

Ned Ehrbar
Metro | Hollywood

Toronto native Connor Jessup has been a little busy. While his TNT television series, Falling Skies, wrapped up its fifth and final season earlier this summer, Jessup has been focusing on the film world — both in front of and behind the camera.

He comes to TIFF this year with a double agenda: as the star of Stephen Dunn's coming-of-age drama Closet Monster and the director of his own short, Boy.

**You're coming to TIFF with multiple entries. How does that feel?**
It's really exciting. I've been to TIFF with a couple movies before, and I've been coming to TIFF as an audience member since I was a little kid.

I'm coming back with two different movies that I care about in two different ways but both very deeply. And it's my first time as a director at the festival — and I hope not my last — and they've been so helpful and generous.

**It must be nice to have it as your hometown festival, too.**
I don't know how much more I can say about TIFF without getting into what seems like hyperbole, but a lot of my favourite screening experiences — obviously of things I've been in but also of things I haven't been in, as a viewer — were at the festival.

Just the atmosphere and the tone that overtakes the city in those two weeks is unique and extremely invigorating.

**How did the experience of shooting Boy differ from your last short?**
Pretty radically, for a lot of reasons. This one was more fun. Working with kids was awesome. I started as a child actor, and I sort of think I have a little understanding of what that's like — what it's like to be a kid and be on a set. So it was fun for me. I can't speak for the kids, but it was fun for me.

**What was your attraction to Closet Monster as a project?**
I think I was in Hong Kong or something, and this script got sent to me. When you get sent something, 95 percent of the time it's for an audition, and then that rare golden 5 percent or less of the time it's an offer. And this one was neither.
There was no context given to me. It was just a script by this first-time, untested director, Stephen Dunn. To be brutally honest I totally forgot about it. I'm terrible on email. So they were waiting on pins and needles for two weeks while I, like an a—hole, trapezed around somewhere else. But I finally read it, obviously.

In a way it's a very simple story and a very old story — the coming of age tale, a kid in a small town, difficulty with his family. But within that shell were these wonderful bursts of humor and imagination and really deep-felt emotion.

**Considering your age and that you're acting, directing, do you worry about types of "English language Xavier Dolan" comparisons?**
You know, it's interesting, when we were making Closet Monster in the aftermath of that, people were talking about Stephen — even people who were trying to promote the movie internally — and using language like that.

There's something that catches the popular imagination about this image of a boy wonder or a prodigy. I think very, very few people fit that definition. Obviously what Xavier's done is extremely impressive. He probably does fit that definition, but I think very few other people do. I certainly don't.

I have the advantage that I just happened to get started young. But I think it's a little too much pressure to put on people, you know?

If anyone wants to go around and say that, I'm not going to stop them but I am going to raise an eyebrow and think they're going a little nuts.

**Well, you've got the humility aspect going for you, so there's that.**
Um … thank you. (laughs) And trust me, I'm not. I have enough of a tendency toward narcissism that it doesn't have to be flamed, as my mother would be happy to tell you.

SOCIAL CHANGE

## LGBT stories on-screen

Ellen Page was first approached about the true-life gay rights drama Freeheld when she was 21, just coming off her breakthrough in Juno. It was seven years before the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that same-sex marriage is a right, and six before Page, herself, came out.

"It really did align with an internal process I was going through with my own identity, with my own struggles of being closeted," says Page of Freeheld.

Freeheld is about Laurel Hester (Julianne Moore) and her domestic partner, Stacie Andree (Page). In theatres Oct. 2, Freeheld is part of a fall season that boasts one of the richest and most varied batch of films yet to dramatize the struggles of gay and transgendered people.

Todd Haynes' Carol (out Nov. 20), based on Patricia Highsmith's novel, is about the illicit love affair between two women (Cate Blanchett, Rooney Mara) in the conservative 1950s.

Also in November is The Danish Girl, directed by Tom Hooper (The King's Speech). Based on the 1920s Copenhagen novel by David Ebershoff and starring Eddie Redmayne, it's a fictionalized account of Lili Elbe, among the first to undergo sex reassignment surgery.

In a year marked by significant advancement for gay rights, many, like Page, are buoyed by the upswing in this fall's films — a crop of movies that add more lesbian and transgender stories to the indelible, but largely male movies (Philadelphia, Milk, Brokeback Mountain) that have come before. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Rooney Mara and Cate Blanchett star in Carol. CONTRIBUTED

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PROFILE

# Oscar buzz and projects aplenty have Bel Powley busy

Steve Gow
For Metro Canada

# The Diary of a rising star

GETTY IMAGES

Bel Powley may not be a household name quite yet, but there's surely no doubt that the English actress may soon be.

When her acclaimed drama The Diary of a Teenage Girl premiered at this year's Sundance Film Festival, it quickly thrust Powley into the spotlight as one of cinema's hottest rising stars — and no less than five forthcoming movie projects almost immediately fell into her lap.

"I think it's important to just ride the wave," offered Powley of her skyrocketing success recently.

But simply "riding the wave" may prove more difficult than it seems for the 23-year old talent.

With her breakout at Sundance and an esteemed award from the Niagara Film Fest now decorating her mantle, there's early pressure mounting for a possible Oscar nomination.

Instead, Powley prefers to concentrate on what compelled her to portray a young girl drawn into an affair with her mother's 35-year old boyfriend in the first place — filmmaker Marielle Heller's fresh take on teenage female sexuality.

"When I was growing up, I felt really underrepresented in the movies I was watching," said Powley — insisting cinema has traditionally focused more on male issues of teenage sexuality.

"It's been easier for the patriarchy of Hollywood to make movies about men having sex because we teach our daughters that your virginity is something that you should guard; that boys are going to come and take it away from you."

Based on a graphic novel, The Diary of a Teenage Girl instead empowers its young protagonist which, in turn, gave Powley a chance to act brazenly unguarded on-camera.

The actress was certainly courageous to spend much of the movie naked — both emotionally and physically — but it was getting into the mind of a teenager that proved the most daunting challenge.

"I thought about myself and how I felt when I was a teenager," admitted Powley. "Tapping back into how extreme you feel when you're a teenager (and) with that, tapping back into the way you hold yourself when you're a teenager. Your body is changing so rapidly. There are times when you feel like Bambi just learning to walk."

## STATUS QUO

**Pushing for change**

Powley offers her own theory for why Hollywood seems to have an aversion to female sexuality. "I think our society is afraid of teenage girls. It's a vicious cycle where we're afraid to talk about it," she said. "Hopefully with this movie, things will start to change."

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MA MA

# Cruz returns to Spanish cinema

Oscar-winning actress Penelope Cruz is back in Spanish cinema after a nearly six-year absence, playing the role of a woman fighting breast cancer in director Julio Medem's Ma Ma, which opens on Friday in Spain.

"This is one of the most wonderful characters that I will ever be offered to play," the 41-year-old actress said during an interview with radio Cadena Ser on Wednesday ahead of the film's release.

"I fell in love with the story of this woman, who is like a goddess, a sage," Cruz said, before adding that at first the role "frightened" her.

The Spanish actress plays Magda in the movie, a gutsy unemployed teacher with a young son who faces her cancer diagnosis with optimism and courage.

"It was very important to me to take risks and at no time did I worry if I looked beautiful, was ugly or very ugly," said Cruz, who was named the Sexiest Woman Alive by Esquire magazine last year.

"It is a tribute to all women who face this disease," she added.

Cruz rose to international prominence in 2001 with roles in Hollywood films Vanilla Sky and Blow.

She won a best supporting actress Academy Award for her role as an impetuous artist in Woody Allen's 2008 comedy Vicky Cristina Barcelona.

The actress last made a movie in Spain in 2009 when she starred in Spanish director Pedro Almodovar's Broken Embraces.

She also made a very brief appearance in Almodovar's 2013 I am So Excited alongside Antonio Bandera.

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MUSIC IN THE MOVIES

## Elvis first to make soundtracks big business

Alan Cross
For Metro Canada

Of the hundreds of movies, documentaries and shorts scheduled for the Toronto International Film Festival, I'll bet that 100 per cent of them feature some kind of music: bespoke scores, performances, placement of previously recorded works. Music and movies have gone together since Al Jolson shocked audiences by speaking and singing in The Jazz Singer in 1927.

Walt Disney was the first to release a movie soundtrack with a multiple set of 78s for Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs in 1938, following it with the first orchestral score (also a pack of 78s) with The Jungle Book in 1942.

When Columbia Records introduced the long-playing 33 1/3 album in 1948, they had movie soundtracks in mind.

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It took a few more years for rock 'n' roll to make its way into movies.

The first rock song to be heard in a movie was Rock Around the Clock, written in 1952 by Max Freedman and James Myers and turned into a hit by Bill Haley and the Comets in 1955. When Blackboard Jungle included the song in the film three times (opening credits, an instrumental midway through the movie and again over the closing credits) later that year, MGM inadvertently created the first rock 'n' roll movie soundtrack.

> **MGM never released the music from Blackboard Jungle on LP.**

The inclusion of the song made some British theatre owners very uneasy, prompting some to cut the song from the beginning of the film lest it cause teen audiences to lose their minds.

This wasn't an entirely crazy idea, either. After a gang of Teddy Boys started a riot at a Blackboard Jungle screening at a South London cinema in 1956, tearing up seats, assorted vandalism and engaging in the occasional bit of violence became the thing to do wherever the movie was shown.

To many, this offered proof that rock 'n' roll inevitably led to juvenile delinquency, crime — and maybe worse.

MGM never released the music from Blackboard Jungle on LP because there wasn't enough music to fill an album.

There were just two other songs in the movie: the title track by Willis Holman and Let Me Go by Jenny Lou Larson.

Neither was given an official credit, either.

It would be up to a guy named Elvis Presley and to turn rock 'n' roll movie soundtracks into big business.

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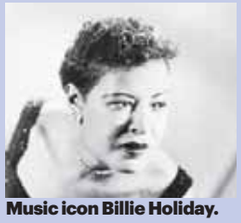
**Billie Holiday to sing as hologram at The Apollo**

The Apollo Theater will launch a hologram of Billie Holiday later this year.

The theatre, based in Harlem, New York, said this week the likeness of the late musical icon will be developed by Hologram USA. The launch of the hologram is to boost Apollo's daytime programming. It will be available for viewing during the theatre's daytime tours.

Holiday, who made her debut at the Apollo when she was 19, appeared at the famed venue nearly 30 times. She was born in Philadelphia and died in 1959 in New York City at age 44. She was induced into Apollo's Walk of Fame earlier this year. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



**Music icon Billie Holiday.** THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**Abel Tesfaye, a.k.a. The Weeknd is having a superstar moment.** GETTY IMAGES

# The world is ready for The Weeknd

CANADIAN MUSIC

## Toronto R&B star's latest album is a No. 1 Billboard hit

Abel Tesfaye's alt-R&B, pop-leaning Beauty Behind the Madness was certified as the No. 1 album in North America by Billboard this past weekend.

With Nielsen Music reporting 412,000 records sold, Beauty Behind the Madness had the second-best first week sales of 2015, trailing only If You're Reading This It's Too Late by compatriot Drake.

Former Universal Music Canada president and CEO Randy Lennox signed Tesfaye to a record deal almost exactly three years ago, when he had already built a devoted following with three pitch-black mixtapes that formed the most depressing trilogy this side of Lars von Trier.

Lennox, now president of entertainment production and broadcasting at Bell Media, recently talked about Tesfaye's pop ascent.

**Do you remember the first time you heard Abel?**

He had a mixtape out called House of Balloons that absolutely was magnificent. His manager, Tony Sal, and I had been chatting about my admiration for Abel. And the U.S. labels were all coming up here.

**What did you make of Abel on a personal level?**

He is incredibly bright. Authentically shy — that is real. And even his personality now, as he breaks, he's still a very, very humble young man. Not overwhelmed, incidentally. Just riding this and having the time of his life.

**Did you foresee how much mainstream potential he'd have?**

It was always about the music. He just has good taste. His sense of melody, his stunning voice, and his cool look is a triple threat.

**For a long time he refused to do interviews, and some of us viewed that as a tactic to cultivate mystery. What did you make of it?**

It was entirely his vision. His vision was: "Let my music speak for me. They can get to know me later."

**In discussing his pop makeover, he recently pointed out that this generation lacks a Prince or Michael Jackson. How do you view his potential?**

He is unique. And I believe he can be a combination of those incredibly revered artists.

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> **He is incredibly bright. Authentically shy — that is real.**
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> Former record executive Randy Lennox

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# Indie rock gets mocked

THE PLATEAUS

## Meet the most ridiculous band since Spinal Tap

Brian Gasparek
For Metro Canada

Spinal Tap was one of the most hilarious rock 'n' roll parody bands to ever grace our screens.

It was a fictitious rock group that spoofed the very real ridiculousness that is the music industry. This fall we're getting introduced to the next generation of great buffoon rockers lost in an industry of absurdity, The Plateaus.

The Plateaus is a CBC.ca comedy series created by and starring Schitt's Creek's Annie Murphy along with actors/writers Matt Raudsepp and Kyle Gatehouse.

The series follows a perfectly clichéd indie rock band that's hovering at the brink of success after releasing an infectious hit single.

In a moment of rock 'n' roll irony, the band loses its self-indulgent but talented lead singer to a freak guitar-shredding accident.

Despite possessing zero talent, the clueless trio of remaining members refuses to fall off their path to superstardom. Rock 'n' roll ridiculousness ensues.

"Five or six years ago when I was an unemployed actress in Montreal, I ended up touring around with my husband's band a lot," explains Murphy.

"There were too many instances of heated band arguments about outrageous things like who would be the best tight rope walker and so many encounters with these crazy industry people that took themselves so, so seriously. I started writing down all those instances and came up with the idea for this show."

As the series' dim-witted leads, Murphy, Raudsepp and Gatehouse are far from alone in all of their humorous misadventures as The Plateaus.

The ten episodes each feature a whack of bizarrely eccentric industry players played by a well curated supporting cast that includes Kevin MacDonald, Eric Peterson, a Popular Mechanics For Kids reunion of Jay Baruchel, Elisha Cuthbert and Tyler Kyte and of course Montreal rocker Sam Roberts who plays an epically sleazy label exec.

> **We had some very cool people who were willing to go out on a limb and joke around.**
> Annie Murphy, star and creator of The Plateaus

"We dressed Sam in pleather pants, snake skin shoes, a Michael Vick jersey and diamond studs, and he said 'Guys! I've never felt so good. I feel like a real a-hole!'" jokes Murphy.

"We had some very cool people who were willing to go out on a limb and joke around. It was an amazing cast that we drummed up."

Murphy even managed to recruit beloved Canadian children's performer Fred Penner to play The Plateau's landlord, a series highlight.

"I met him at a Pop Montreal show and I've never been so flustered to meet someone before," gushes Murphy.

"I asked him to be in my web series and instead of him saying 'no, I'm Fred Penner you idiot,' he was like 'that sounds absolutely lovely. Here's my email address.'

"I hope the series makes people laugh," says Murphy of her personal project that has been five years in the making.

"I hope people are happy to see a few familiar faces acting differently then they normally do, and I hope it brings some pleasure into their lives for a few minutes, as corny as that may sound."

The Plateaus is now streaming on cbc.ca/plateaus.

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# Manage home energy with smart thermostats

The City of Vancouver, in partnership with Vancity, is running a pilot program to learn what energy and cost savings can be achieved in single family, duplex, and townhomes by using a smart thermostat.

The Smart Thermostat Pilot program invites single-family homeowners in Vancouver to install a Nest, Honeywell Lyric, or Ecobee3 smart thermostat, provide energy data, and, in exchange, receive a $125 rebate for the purchase of their thermostat.

The pilot will help the city understand what energy and greenhouse gas savings smart thermostats can achieve, what limits peoples' interest in the technology, and what types of homes are best suited to realize the benefits of smart thermostats. The resulting information will help the city in its ongoing efforts to increase the energy efficiency of Vancouver's building stock.

Smart thermostats make it easier for homeowners to manage their home's energy consumption and costs. They can learn when you leave the house for work and dial down heating, then spring back into action to make the house nice and toasty (or cool and comfortable, depending on the season) by the time you get home. Recent research in the U.S., led by utilities, non-profits and technology manufacturers have found that smart thermostats may provide significant annual energy savings.

Buildings account for approximately 56 per cent of all greenhouse gas emissions in the city. Vancouver's innovative work on greening buildings has been recognized by the World Green Building Council, which has acknowledged the Vancouver building bylaw as a world leading green building policy. Pilots such as the Smart Thermostat Pilot help the city understand additional ways buildings can save energy and how homeowners can save money each year.

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# Hot off the grill

Gordon Ramsay, Tom Aikens and April Bloomfield are among a number of Michelin-starred chefs who will be particularly busy this fall. Ramsay and Aikens are each planning dual openings in Dubai and Hong Kong, while Bloomfield is all about burgers in The Big Apple. Check out some of the most highly anticipated restaurant openings around the world. **AFP**

## 1 New York

**Salvation Burger, by April Bloomfield**
News that Bloomfield would be opening a restaurant dedicated to burgers has had New Yorkers salivating, given her reputation as the burger queen for her Roquefort-topped burger at The Spotted Pig, a sandwich that enjoys mythical status in the city. You can imagine the excitement once news let out that the chef would be opening a burger joint in similar vein to her Salvation Taco, which has already taken up residence in the Pod Hotel. Burger patties will be cooked over a wood fire. The restaurant will also serve vegetarian, chicken and fish burgers and homemade hot dogs. (October)

**Momosan Ramen & Sake, by Masaharu Morimoto**
New York's simmering love affair with ramen is about to heat up with the opening of a new Japanese noodle soup restaurant helmed by the Iron Chef Morimoto. Ramen noodles will be suspended in either pork bone or chicken broth, which can be washed down with an extensive sake menu. (October)

## 2 London

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**Les 110 de Taillevent**
Michelin-starred Paris restaurant Taillevent is expanding to London at Cavendish Square, where it will open Les 110 de Taillevent, which will serve contemporary and seasonal French dishes. The 110 refers to the number of wines available by the glass. Like its Parisian predecessor, the London outpost is expected to offer four wines for each course in meticulously chosen pairings. (September)

**The Fat Duck, by Heston Blumenthal**
After a six-month stint in Australia, during which time his flagship Michelin-starred restaurant The Fat Duck underwent major renovations, British celebrity chef Heston Blumenthal will be reopening the iconic restaurant under a new theme: childhood. Diners will be sent on a culinary journey down memory lane, with a multi-sensory menu that evokes everything from nostalgic, retro breakfast cereals, Alice in Wonderland and nursery rhymes. (Sept. 29)

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## 3 Dubai

**Bread Street Kitchen, by Gordon Ramsay**
Celebrity chef Ramsay announced in June plans to take up residence at the luxury Atlantis, The Palm Hotel in Dubai. Ramsay brings his popular London restaurant Bread Street Kitchen to the Middle East, an international menu featuring dishes like roasted cod with potatoes, artichoke, salted capers, and red wine and lemon sauce; tamarind spiced chicken wings; and duck breast with potatoes and cabbage puree. (Fall)

**Pots, Pans and Boards, by Tom Aikens**
After shuttering his eponymously named London restaurant that launched Aikens to fame, the chef has set his sights abroad, with concurrent projects in Dubai and Hong Kong. In Dubai, Pots, Pans and Boards, named after Aikens' memories of clanging pots in the family kitchen, will be a casual eatery serving English, Mediterranean and French dishes. (September)

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## 4 Hong Kong

**The Fat Pig, by Tom Aikens**
As its name suggests, Aikens' second Hong Kong restaurant, after The Pawn, will feature all things porcine on the menu. It will open at the Times Square space at Causeway Bay. (November)

**London House, by Gordon Ramsay**
With views over the Victoria Harbour, Ramsay's London House will offer two levels of dining and serve distinctly British fare with an extensive beer and wine menu. (September)

**Mr & Mrs Fox, by Swire Restaurants and chef Joey Sergentakis, of Cafe Gray Deluxe**
Hong Kong is getting a swanky new surf and turf restaurant that will serve premium cuts of Australian Angus steaks, dry-aged in-house for 28 days, as well as a variety of seafood. Located at Taikoo Place Apartments, the restaurant spans three floors with a seating capacity for 250 diners, and will also feature an in-house craft beerhouse. (Opened Sept. 7)

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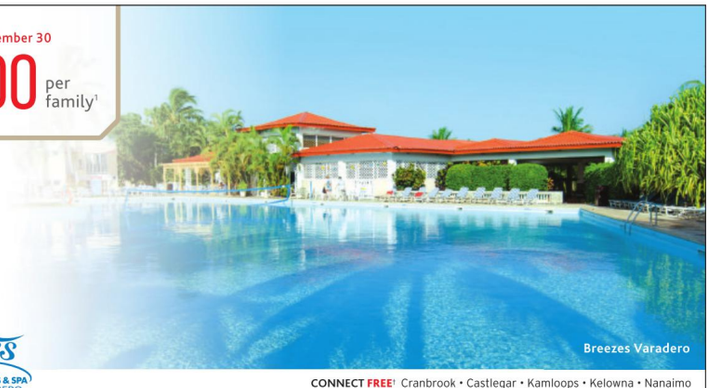


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## TRAVEL NOTES ADVENTURE BIKES, HAUTE CUISINE AND MOUNTAIN AIR

**New cycling tours**
Better start doing more leg presses at the gym. Mountain-bike touring company H+I Adventures has launched guided trips through New Zealand, Spain and Slovenia that combine mountain ranges with coastal trails, taking cyclists from the shorelines to the summits. Enjoy local food and a variety of digs, from mountain huts to luxury caves. Visit MountainbikeWorldwide.com.

**Cycle through New Zealand.** CONTRIBUTED

**Gourmet trend**
Bumping up to business class? Air Canada just hired award-winning Vancouver chef David Hawksworth to create the menu for the airline's international business flights and elevate the offerings in the Maple Leaf Lounges, beginning Oct. 1. The dishes will be in line with Air Canada's route-inspired menus. Break out the Aeroplan points and tuck in.

**Yellow fin tuna on Air Canada.** CONTRIBUTED

**Bucket list: Zermatt**
Now that the larch trees are about to turn yellow-gold, a fall break in the Swiss alpine town of Zermatt could see you celebrating the 150th anniversary of the first ascent of the iconic Matterhorn nearby. The number of tourists has dwindled, leaving you free to enjoy mountain railways, cable cars, glacier trails, hike-and-bike tours and fresh, car-free air. Visit Zermatt.ch. DOUG WALLACE

**Zermatt, Switzerland.** PASCAL GERTSCHEN

# Theft-proof your vacation

ON THE MOVE

## Tips to protect your belongings at the hotel and on the go

**Loren Christie**
For Metro Canada

Nothing can ruin a travel adventure quicker than having your money or personal possessions stolen. Following are some top tactical tips to avoid travel theft.

### Credit card

Before you leave on vacation call your credit card company to let them know you are travelling. They can flag your card for any unusual or potentially fraudulent charges and put a stop to the fraud before it starts.

### At the hotel

The public and transient nature of a hotel make it an attractive place to commit petty crime so be smart. Safes have become fairly commonplace but it is worth asking if your hotel has in-room safes when making your guestroom reservation. If they do, use them.

If you are travelling alone also ask for a room close to the elevator. Do not answer the door to an unexpected guest. If they claim to be a hotel employee, call the front desk to verify. Use the "Do Not Disturb" sign if you want strangers to think you are in-house and leave the closets and bathroom door open when you leave.

**Nanjing Road, Shanghai's busiest shopping street. Large gatherings give pickpockets the opportunity to blend into crowds, but there are ways you can reduce your risk.** ISTOCK

### Crowd control

Avoid large gatherings. Whether it is a celebration, rally or protest, pickpockets like to blend into chaotic crowds as they search for unsuspecting tourists.

Consider purchasing a travel-safe purse with a "slash-proof" strap. There are also purses and wallets equipped with anti-scan pockets to assist you in fending off tech-savvy criminals who try and scan your credit card information.

### Outer appearances

A recent survey from The Divine Destination Collection, Canada's curator of unique luxury travel adventures, found that its upscale clientele strongly believed that leaving the bling at home is the key to avoiding theft on vacation. Of the respondents, 76.6 per cent do not travel wearing valuable clothing, watches or jewelry, and 36.67 per cent admitted that they actually dress down while on vacation.

### Party smart

Be wary of new friends. Without a doubt meeting people is one of the best parts of travelling, but not everyone has your best interests at heart. Keep conversations light and do not offer up any personal information, such as where you are staying or your cabin number if you happen to be on a cruise.

Also make sure to drink responsibly. It's fine to let your hair down on vacation but you always want to be in control and aware of your surroundings.

## TRENDS

**Global tourist numbers up 4% in first half: UN**
The number of international tourists rose by four per cent worldwide during the first half of 2015 although security and health concerns hit hard some African destinations, the UN World Tourism Organization said Thursday.

Some 538 million tourists made trips to international destinations between January and June 2015 — 21 million more compared with the same period last year, the Madrid-based body said in a statement.

"These results show that, despite increased volatility, tourism continues to consolidate the positive performance it has had over the last five years and to provide development and economic opportunities worldwide," said the organization's head Taleb Rifai.

Global tourism figures were hard hit by the global financial crisis and swine flu outbreak in 2009, but have risen in each year since.

Asia, the Middle East and Europe, the world's most visited region, all saw a five per cent increase in arrivals, with the Americas posting growth of four per cent. But Africa saw a drop of six per cent. AFP

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# Embracing Mexico's street art

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## New wave of mural painters turn to social media to update old tradition

A mural by Beatriz Avila Haro decorates the exterior wall of Delirio restaurant.

Street artists Jenaro de Rosenzweig, left, and Alejandro Revilla pose for a portrait behind a restaurant's window covered with a mural by artist Francisco Munoz in the Roma Norte neighborhood of Mexico City. ALL PHOTOS REBECCA BLACKWELL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mexico's mural art is getting a modern makeover.

Former graffiti taggers and graphic designers have joined together in a co-operative called Street Art Chilango, painting walls with popular Star Wars characters and hyping their work on social media.

Founded in March 2013 by Jenaro de Rosenzweig and Alejandro Revilla, the group's name uses the slang term "chilango" for things from Mexico City.

And their murals aren't only on brick-and-mortar walls.

Rosenzweig, who goes by his artist name Jenaro, vigorously promotes the team's artworks on social networks and the group's website, streetartchilango.com. The group has garnered more than 165,000 "likes" on Facebook, 72,000 followers on Instagram, and 9,000 followers on Twitter.

"We have the muscle of the social network and the brains to put the artists to work," said Jenaro.

In April 2013, he launched the hashtag #streetartchilango so that anyone using Instagram could plot street art locations on the site's interactive Google map.

"People embraced it and started using it," he said. Suddenly, "I started meeting every artist there is."

As the virtual map attracted attention, Jenaro also designed a Mexico City walking tour that visits many of the online locations. The group still organizes tours nearly every weekend.

Though many of them started as graffiti taggers, group members can now earn a living from splashing walls with their paint.

**I don't have any studio. Everything is in the street.**

Street Art Chilango artist Andrik Figueroa Barreto, who signs his work as Andrik Noble

Storm troopers adorn the Michoacan Market in the Condesa neighborhood.

In recent weeks, Street Art Chilango artist Andrik Figueroa Barreto, who signs his work as Andrik Noble, has produced several Star Wars-themed murals, including a 60-foot-long storm trooper mural at the Mercado Michoacan. "I don't have any studio. Everything is in the street," said the artist, whose hands, T-shirt, and shorts were covered in paint smudges of a dozen different colours.

Business owner Pascual Medina Ortiz smiled as he pointed out a spray-painted image of Princess Leia on the front of his shop in the Condesa neighbourhood. "Now a lot of people are coming just to see the art."

Two miles away, fellow Chilango artist Beatriz Avila Haro sat on scaffolding 10 feet in the air as she applied strokes of black to a white wall.

Ricardo del Razo, the architect who commissioned that project, said the 12-foot-tall mural will show a woman pressing a pencil to the drawing board, "devising how to solve problems."

Murals and street art have a long history in Mexico. Beginning in the 1920s, Diego Rivera, David Siqueiros, and Jose Orozco painted public buildings with social and political messages, establishing murals as a pre-eminent Mexican art form.

"So painting walls was already cool in Mexico," said Jenaro.

The group's next step comes in November at the Art Basel festival in Miami, where Jenaro and Avila aim to display a mural to an international audience. "We are going to create new stuff that will blow the whole world's minds open," Jenaro said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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# 5 MUST TRYS IN CHIC DUSSELDORF

Dusseldorf is a sophisticated, cosmopolitan city of swish hotels, contemporary art and designer labels. Though its surface glitter is underpinned by the business acumen of its banks and corporate headquarters, fashion houses and advertising agencies, it's the confident ease with which Dusseldorf enjoys its prosperity that strikes visitors most forcefully, from the Altstadt's bars and restaurants to the chichi boutiques on stately Konigsallee. Dusseldorf's worldly flair is evidently nothing new, for when Napoleon passed through in 1806 he thought the city a "little Paris." Today it offers an invigorating contemporary art and architectural movement, which seems to have sprung out of the soil via Frank Gehry and Will Alsop.

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## 1 Leaning towers

Over the past decade, the redundant harbour south of the parliament has been reinvented as the hip Media Harbor, with advertising agencies alongside slick nightclubs, restaurants and eye-catching buildings by celebrity architects. Particularly distinctive are the wobbly silver-and-white Neuer Zollhof towers by Frank Gehry.

## 2 House of modern art

Facing the Kunsthalle across Grabbeplatz is the sinuous, glossy black facade of the K20 Museum, which houses an outstanding collection of modern art including around a hundred works by Paul Klee as well as work by Joseph Beuys, a substantial Cubist collection including work by Braque, Leger and Picasso, and postwar American art from Pollock to Warhol.

## 3 To market we go

Pop by Carlsplatz, the city's farmers' market, during the lunch hour to swoon over all the handsome gents in dapper suits who come here to enjoy a fresh al fresco feast. Take the time to wander through the market's various alleyways and you'll discover lush floral bouquets, smoky butchers, swoon-worthy cheese shops, fresh rye at the bakery and pretty produce.

## 4 Place of worship

The distinctive spire of St. Lambertus forms the visual focus of the agreeably walkable Altstadt. The church's spire owes its twisted shape to the use of unseasoned timber when it was rebuilt after a lightening strike in 1815. Inside, the highlights are the rocket-like 15th-century Gothic tabernacle and the splendid Renaissance memorial to Duke Wilhelm V.

## 5 Palace fit for a doll

The pretty, pink ensemble of Schloss Benrath is arranged symmetrically around a large pond a short drive from downtown Dusseldorf. Built between 1755 and 1770 in a style that is on the cusp of Rococo and Neoclassical, the complex has a doll's-house neatness. A perfect stop for those enchanted by the lore of the European palace.

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# CRAFT BEER

## Embracing the culture of beer

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Ten years ago in Vancouver, craft beer was a phrase primarily used by homebrew geeks and hipsters. Now there is a new microbrewery opening somewhere in the city at least once a month, and every restaurant and bar — high-end to dive — serves at least one local craft brew.

Interest in craft beer has exploded, says David Perry president of the Vancouver branch of CAMRA B.C., a consumer organization that promotes craft beer in B.C.

"There was a brief period in the tasting evolution where it was mostly hipsters drinking it," Perry says. "But the general population has moved in and the hipsters have gone back to drinking Pabst Blue Ribbon."

New craft breweries to watch include Dogwood Brewing, which crafts Vancouver's only organic beer. Four Winds Brewery in Delta won the 2015 brewery of the year award at the Canadian Brewing Awards in June. Real Cask Ale brews traditional English cask-conditioned beers out of East Vancouver's Calister Brewing, a co-operative that works with nano breweries that make ultra-small batches of beer.

The plethora of options made this summer a beer-tasting frenzy for Perry and beer lovers across the Lower Mainland.

"This has been the busiest beer festival season I have ever seen here in Vancouver," he says. "It's not just beer festivals. The beer community is expanding itself — into the Port Moody RibFest, for example."

Beer culture is becoming a natural part of Vancouver's thriving culinary scene.

Vancouver has developed its own beer palate. The Pacific Northwest is well-known for West Coast India pale ales (IPAs), a style of beer that is heavily flavoured with varieties of hops grown in the region.

But there are so many ingredients and ways of making beer that there is something for everyone, Perry says.

"There's a beer for everyone, they just don't know it yet."

*– Stephanie Orford*

## CREATING FUN FOOD PAIRINGS

There's a place in Vancouver where 140 beers from around the world are available on tap and a kitchen that creates a delectable array of fresh, local food with which to pair.

Sound like paradise? It's Craft Beer Market in Olympic Village.

"We believe that pairing food with beer is even better than pairing it with wine," says Jacob Metcalf, assistant chef at Craft Beer Market. "There are so many delicious and interesting types of beer. You can create so many fun food pairings."

The restaurant creates menu items made from sustainable, fresh, local ingredients and partners them with beer that complements their flavour profiles.

Craft's fall-off-the-bone beef brisket is a case in point — and Metcalf's current favourite item on the menu. Marinated in Black Plague Stout by Storm Brewing, then slow cooked for 12 hours, the brisket is served with crispy potatoes and seasonal sautéed vegetables. This dish is best paired with a glass of Black Plague Stout.

The coconut turmeric ling cod is a popular lighter entrée. A crisp, light beer like Steam Whistle Pilsner makes the dish's subtle flavours sing.

Craft's beer selection on tap runs the gamut from local standbys like Philips Blue Buck ale and Driftwood Farmhand Saison, to unusual local beers like the Schadenfreude Pumpkin Lager from Parallel 49 Brewing and 33 Acres of Darkness from 33 Acres Brewing, or international cult favourites like Delirium Tremens from Belgium.

**Jacob Metcalf.** CONTRIBUTED

"Our beers and menus are always changing," Metcalf says. "There's always something new to try."

For more, visit craftbeermarket.ca.

# FIND YOUR NEW FAVOURITE

Your neighbourhood liquor store should offer more than just a place to pick up a six pack, says Dan Wier, manager of operations at My Liquor Store, a group of three liquor stores across Vancouver dedicated to serving customers.

Their experts can help you find exactly the right drink for your mood or occasion.

"Most people have had that moment in a liquor store when they're overwhelmed with choice," Wier says. "We help our customers navigate the choices out there, and find the best pick for their price range, desired flavour profile or pairings and purpose."

Customers can find three convenient locations across Vancouver — West End Liquor Store at 961 Denman St., the Crosstown Liquor Store at International Village, and the Burrard Liquor Store at 2401 Burrard St.

My Liquor Store's diverse products range from local to international, niche to popular.

"We have a great mix of well-known brands and hard-to-find products at competitive prices," Wier says. "Boutique wines, craft beers and spirits from small-batch distilleries are our specialty."

My Liquor Store shops offer fun and informative tastings of beer, wine and spirits to enhance the experience and give customers an opportunity to compare flavours and discover their new favourites. Tastings are free and scheduled regularly at every location.

Check out the tasting schedule at your local branch at myliquorstore.ca.

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# Kick back in a comfortable, social atmosphere at Colony

A great neighbourhood bar needs to be comfortable. It needs to have a great menu and friendly staff. And a little style doesn't hurt either.

Beer options, drink specials, clientele and location are all key factors, too. It's even harder to find a great neighbourhood bar that does food just as well as it does drinks, says Cassidy Pepper, marketing and brand manager for Colony Bar, a duo of bars on West Broadway up from Kitsilano Beach and on Main Street.

Since they opened in Kitsilano in 2013 and on Main Street this past May, the bars have each become a neighbourhood go-to for delicious, affordable snacks, lunch and dinners, in a relaxed atmosphere.

The bar's craft beer program features a range of fresh, local beers on tap from Vancouver breweries including Red Truck Brewing, Parallel 49, and Strange Fellows.

The restaurant is open for brunch on weekends, and lunch and dinner all week.

The french fry bar is a demonstration of just how creative you can get with potatoes. Stadium fries, beer-battered lemon pepper fries, and, of course, poutine, perfect for pairing with the bar's diverse beer selection.

"We're all about providing a comfortable, social atmosphere where our guests can kick back," Pepper says.

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# A testing ground for adventurous tastes

## *Big Rock Urban Brewery*

At its heart, beer brewing is pure creativity.

That's how local brewmaster Jody Hammell feels. He is the mastermind behind the microbrewed, ultra-local beers from Big Rock Urban Brewery, a six-month-old brewery and eatery in the heart of Vancouver's Brewery Creek neighbourhood at 310 West 4th Ave. in Vancouver.

"Vancouverites are adventurous in their beer tastes and I love to experiment," Hammell says.

Hammell is currently experimenting with how two different kinds of wet hops affect the character of a beer. Prepared otherwise identically, his versions of the same beer will be ready to sample in the eatery, tasting room and growler bar, as well as in bottles, at the end of this month.

Hops aren't the only ingredients with which the brewery experiments.

Instead of creating a pumpkin beer for fall, he is creating a smoky beer in an old-world, German Rauchbier style.

"Back in the day, when they had to kiln their malts, they didn't have natural gas, so they used wood, resulting in a smoky flavour," he says. "Everyone is already doing the pumpkin ale so well. We're offering a seasonal beer that's a bit different."

**Big Rock Urban Brewery executive chef Alex (Beer Belly) Newton, left, and brewmaster Jody Hammell. Big Rock Urban Brewery is located at 310 West. 4th Ave.** CONTRIBUTED

Hammell and his associate brewer, Adam Limber, are brewing a wide range of unique beers over the next few months.

"I wanted to create interpretations of classic styles and traditional beers made to match Vancouver tastes," Hammell says.

"I learned my craft experimenting in breweries and working with talented brewmasters."

Hammell trained in Berlin at the Versuchs und Lehranstalt für Brauerei, one of the world's most renowned schools for brewmaster certification, and his 20-year brewing career has taken him to Big Rock Brewery in Calgary, along with several other notable craft breweries.

Visitors can enjoy a beer-inspired meal in the restaurant and lounge overlooking the brewery, alongside a tasting flight of Big Rock Urban beer, all brewed in-house using local ingredients whenever possible. Other offerings include Citradelic Single Hop IPA and Rhubarb Wit, among many others. Their next release, Wayfinder Pale Ale, will be on shelves later this month.

"I like to think that I'm bringing my take to the scene in Vancouver," Hammell says. "We want to share our craft and make sure we get people trying things they might not normally try. The restaurant is really our testing ground for different beers."

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## IN BRIEF

**Serena's semifinal match pushed to Friday**

Serena Williams will have to wait before continuing her bid for a calendar-year Grand Slam: Her U.S. Open semifinal was postponed because of rain in the forecast.

The top-seeded Williams was supposed to face 43rd-ranked Roberta Vinci of Italy on Thursday night at Flushing Meadows, but nearly four hours before that match would have started, the U.S. Tennis Association — citing a prediction of "rain throughout the evening" — pushed back both women's semifinals until Friday. Simona Halep and Flavia Pennetta are featured in the other match.

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**Blue Jays-Yankees opener postponed due to rain**

The game between the AL East-leading Toronto Blue Jays and the second-place New York Yankees scheduled for Thursday night was postponed because of rain.

It was called more than an hour before it was supposed to begin. The teams will make it up with a doubleheader Saturday starting at 1:05 p.m., with the second game beginning a half-hour after the opener ends.

The Blue Jays lead the Yankees by 1-1/2 games going into this four-game series. Toronto ace David Price had been set to start off against Yankees rookie Luis Severino.

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# Ups and downs in AHL challenge Shinkaruk

**Canucks prospect Hunter Shinkaruk looks for a pass during practice at the South Okanagan Events Centre in Penticton on Thursday.** CAM TUCKER/METRO

CANUCKS

## First-round pick in 2013 set for Young Stars tournament

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Being a healthy scratch wasn't a completely foreign concept for Hunter Shinkaruk when he began his first professional hockey season last autumn.

But that didn't mean sitting in the press box on a rare occasion as a member of the Utica Comets was any easier to take for the Vancouver Canucks' 2013 first-round draft pick.

"I've had that a few times when I was 16 in junior," Shinkaruk said. "You don't want to have that happen but that's part of hockey and that's part of life."

The Canucks prospects take on the Edmonton Oilers prospects, and perhaps Connor McDavid, at the South Okanagan Events Centre in Penticton on Friday.

Shinkaruk, who missed the final half of his 2013-14 junior season in Medicine Hat following hip surgery, finished his AHL rookie season with 16 goals and 31 points in 74 regular-season games, and four goals and six points in 23 playoff games.

By his own admission, Shinkaruk got off to a slow start as he adjusted to the grind of the AHL, but took the glass-half-full approach for his performance in the second half.

Both he and Comets head coach Travis Green pointed to added responsibilities, such as ice time late in close games, for Shinkaruk as the season progressed as evidence of the young forward's growth.

"It's a tough league," said Green. "But I was happy with his season and I'm looking forward to seeing how he's worked this summer to come back as a better player."

> **Every year that goes by, it's another year you want to make it.**
> Hunter Shinkaruk

If Thursday's skate was any indication, it appears Shinkaruk will start the tournament on a line with fellow top prospects Jake Virtanen and centre Cole Cassels.

It illustrates how Vancouver's pool of forward prospects has grown in the past two or three years, which comes at a time when the Canucks appear headed down a path of getting younger.

"Every year that goes by, it's another year you want to make it," said Shinkaruk.

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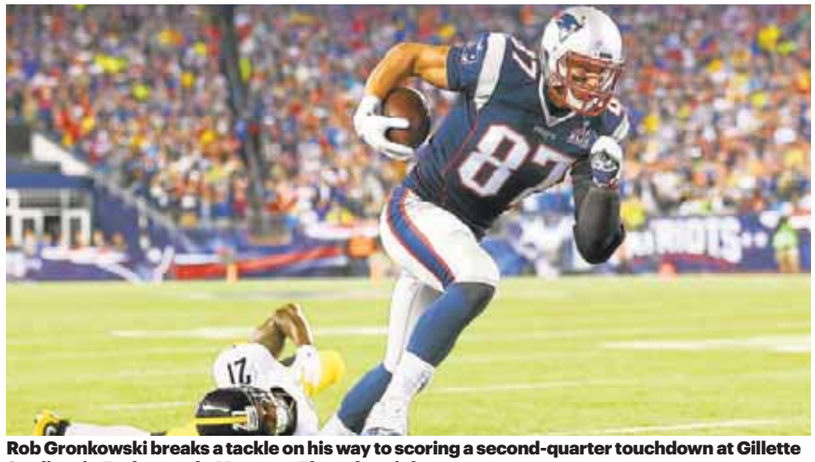
# Nothing deflating about Patriots win

NFL

## Brady and Co. celebrate in style before Steelers fall



Rob Gronkowski breaks a tackle on his way to scoring a second-quarter touchdown at Gillette Stadium in Foxborough, Mass., on Thursday night. MADDIE MEYER/GETTY IMAGES

Everything was in place for the New England Patriots to celebrate their fourth Super Bowl championship in the NFL opener.

The four Vince Lombardi Trophies were on the field. Another banner was unveiled on the facade. Tom Brady was calling out plays in the huddle.

And commissioner Roger Goodell's seat was empty.

The Patriots turned their thoughts from "Deflategate" to the defence of their Super Bowl title on Thursday night with a pregame ceremony full of flags and fireworks and a quartet of shiny trophies.

The ceremony capped a circuitous seven months since the team last appeared on the field on Jan. 18 for the AFC championship game against Indianapolis. Shortly after beating the Colts 45-7, the Patriots were accused of using improperly inflated footballs in the game.

What followed was one of the stranger chapters in the history of the nation's most powerful sports league, a saga that stretched through the Super Bowl and lingered until last week.

Brady drew a large cheer when he came out for pregame warmups, and union lawyers Jeffrey Kessler and DeMaurice Smith were also welcomed like heroes. (Goodell, who skipped the game to avoid becoming a distraction, was mocked in the fourth quarter with a chant of "Where is Roger?")

THURSDAY In Foxborough

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The rain-soaked trophy ceremony featured cheerleaders performing an Irish step dance to the Dropkick Murphys. Former Patriots Willie McGinest, Ty Law and Troy Brown joined Kraft as trophy-bearers.

Although the smoke from the fireworks made it difficult for those in the stadium to see, the baubles got a big cheer from the crowd. But it was no match for the reception Brady received when he took the field for the Patriots' first offensive series.

Fans chanted "Brady" until the three-time Super Bowl MVP motioned for them to quiet down so his teammates could hear the play. He threw for four touchdowns, completing a team-record 19 straight passes at one point, and New England began its title defence with a 28-21 victory over Pittsburgh.

Goodell, a longtime Kraft ally, angered the owner and the team's fans with the botched investigation in the scandal that came to be known as "Deflategate."

On the day U.S. District Judge Richard Berman vacated Brady's suspension, Goodell said he would skip the traditional kickoff weekend opener for the first time since he ascended to the league's top job. Instead, the commissioner was planning to see the Bears and Packers in Chicago, leaving the New England fans to mock him in abstentia. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

FIBA AMERICAS

# Olympics beckon as Wiggins leads Canada

Andrew Wiggins and Canada will take on Venezuela Friday. RONALDO SCHEMIDT/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Canada is in position to secure a berth to its first Olympic basketball tournament since Sydney 2000, with Andrew Wiggins leading a young team that has been too much to handle in the qualifiers and is aiming to be a surprise in Rio 2016.

Wiggins, the NBA rookie of the year last season for Minnesota, is averaging 15.5 points in the FIBA Americas Tournament. He'll lead a Canadian team that finished first and will play Venezuela in the semifinals with an Olympic spot at stake.

In the other semifinal Friday night, Argentina will face Mexico. Canada beat Venezuela by 20 points in the first round and is the heavy favourites to qualify for Rio. After losing 94-87 to Argentina in its first game of the tournament, Canada has won seven straight — by an average of 27.7 points.

"This Canadian team is something that this tournament has not seen for quite some time," Venezuela coach Nestor Garcia said. "Their talent level is unbelievable."

Along with Wiggins and Minnesota teammate Anthony Bennett, Canada features another seven NBA players. But none of those NBA players is as talented as Wiggins, a 20-year-old forward who averaged 16.9 points in his first NBA season. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## SOCCER

**Premier League scores goal for British tourism industry**

The lure of British football is highlighted in a study that found 800,000 visitors to the country last year attended a match, spending more than $1 billion during their time there.

Figures released by VisitBritain show that around 40 per cent of the tourists going to a match said watching sport was the main reason for visiting Britain.

Old Trafford and Emirates Stadium, the homes of Manchester United and Arsenal, were the most popular destinations. One in 10 overseas visitors to the northwest of England - where clubs such as United, Manchester City and Liverpool are located — attended a Premier League match. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS


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# RECIPE Turkey, Corn and Bean Chili

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This chili is great served by itself, in a hollowed-out bun or over a baked potato. Serves 6.

**Ready in**
Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 30 minutes

**Ingredients**
- 2 Tbsp margarine or butter
- 1 1/2 cup diced onion
- 1 cup diced green bell pepper
- 1 lb lean ground turkey
- 2 tsp minced garlic
- 1 can red kidney beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 can diced tomatoes, undrained
- 1 cup canned or frozen whole kernel corn
- 1 jalapeno pepper, chopped (without seeds)
- 2 tsp chili powder

Garnish
- 1/2 cup low-fat sour cream
- 1/2 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- 1/4 cup green onions
- 2 Tbsp chopped cilantro

**Directions**
**1.** Melt margarine in large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat. Cook onion and green pepper, stirring occasionally until tender, about five minutes. Add ground turkey, stirring occasionally until done, about five minutes.
**2.** Stir in garlic, beans, tomatoes, corn, jalapeno pepper and chili powder. Reduce heat to low and simmer covered, stirring occasionally until heated through, about 20 minutes.
**3.** Serve in either hollowed-out dinner roll, over pasta, baked potato or on its own. Serve with garnishes.

**Nutrition per serving (chili)**
- Calories 255
- Protein 26 g
- Carbohydrates 21 g
- Fibre 5 g
- Total fat 9 g
- Saturated fat 3 g
- Cholesterol 45 mg
- Sodium 409 mg

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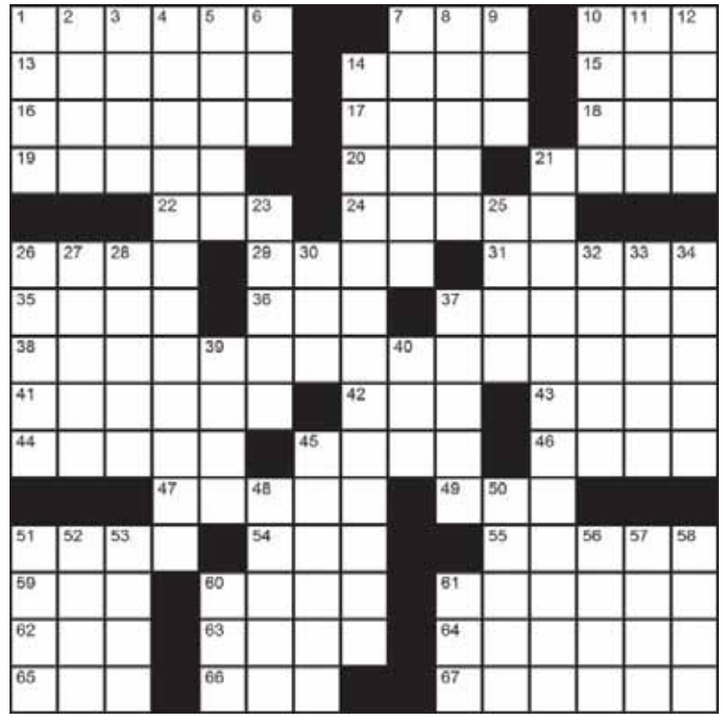
# CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



**ACROSS**
1. Dress pants
7. "The National" airer
10. Val-_'__, Quebec
13. Capital of Cuba
14. Choo! Choo!... 'Station' in Quebec
15. Pres. Eisenhower
16. Made amends
17. Canadian filmmaker Mr. Reitman
18. Soldier's food-in-a-packet [acronym]
19. Salon rinse
20. Preacher, e.g.
21. Become better
22. 'E' in P.E.I., briefly
24. Feudal lord; or, a city in Belgium
26. _ __ (Slightly)
29. Org.
31. Burdened
35. Haves and have-__
36. Poetically far
37. "Thy will __ __ in earth..." - The Lord's Prayer
38. Canada: 3 wds.
41. One of The Dionne Quintuplets
42. Obtained
43. Challenger
44. "__ Entertain You" by British pop star Robbie Williams: 2 wds.
45. Vincent van Gogh's brother
46. Beige
47. "It doesn't matter whether __ __..."
49. American airer since '71
51. Similar
54. Gold: Spanish
55. Later on
59. Ms. Imbruglia, to pals
60. Clothing line for part
61. "Shark Tank" tycoon Daymond John
62. B'way's locale
63. Help __ __ hand
64. Well-__ (Rich)
65. "__ la la!"
66. Lana Del __
67. Autumn flowers

**DOWN**
1. Ex-ruler of Iran
2. Not on time
3. Mary Kay rival
4. Product by Canadian food brand Clover Leaf: 2 wds.
5. Work the dough
6. "__ Songs (Say So Much)" by Elton John
7. Hazard for miners: 2 wds.
8. Courageous
9. 100 yrs.
10. Bluenose coin
11. Gumbo
12. Fishing rod
14. Fun for fellow female friends: 3 wds.
21. Alanis Morissette song that goes "You ask how my day was.": 3 wds.
23. The Were connector (Barbra Streisand/Robert Redford flick): 2 wds.
25. "Glengarry __ Ross" (1992)
26. One of Charlie's trio on '70s TV
27. Singer Mel
28. Had that sandwich: 2 wds.
30. Musical fifth note, variantly
32. Like an ancient style of architecture in Greece
33. Participate
34. Psychedelic jacket style
37. Make a wager at the casino: 2 wds.
39. Level
40. Boot bit
45. Newfoundland town near St. John's
48. Fruitless: 2 wds.
50. Becomes ashen from fright
51. Latin 'year'
52. Send to the boxing canvas
53. Rash reaction
56. Story
57. __ since that time...
58. Many wines
60. Evergreen tree
61. "__-ching!"

# IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

**Aries** March 21 - April 20
Make a serious effort to get along with people. You will be forgiven almost any transgression but in return you must not get angry every time others get something wrong.

**Taurus** April 21 - May 21
No, you must not start slowing down. The approaching solar eclipse will bring you all sorts of new opportunities and this could turn out to be one of the best times of the year, so set your sights high and push harder.

**Gemini** May 22 - June 21
You must be decisive today; loved ones will be expecting you to give some kind of lead. Remember that despite your occasional minor differences you are part of the same team.

**Cancer** June 22 - July 23
You may have good reason to be annoyed by someone's behaviour but the approaching eclipse means it is not worth your time or energy. If certain individuals get you down then turn your back and walk away.

**Leo** July 24 - Aug. 23
A new cycle is about to begin, one that will help you get more materially. Even a Leo needs to pay the bills and the weekend will bring you new insights into ways to make money.

**Virgo** Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Sunday's eclipse in your sign promises a new beginning, but don't just sit back and wait for wonderful things to happen. The more effort you put in now the more you will get.

**Libra** Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Attitude is everything. With the right outlook you will find ways to turn all events in your favour, even those which, on the surface at least, seem to be acting against your interests. Think positive.

**Scorpio** Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You may be a loner by nature but make an effort to get along with others. It may not be possible to like everyone but that does not mean you cannot work with them.

**Sagittarius** Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
The approaching eclipse will make it easy for you to reach out and influence events. Don't sit around lamenting missed opportunities, get out and make a few more.

**Capricorn** Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Make time to plan for the future. The more you look ahead the more likely it is you will get lucky before the end of the year. You will soon get a chance to move up in the world.

**Aquarius** Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Some of what happens over the next few days may be hard to understand but be assured there is a reason. Play along and don't doubt for a moment that everything will come right in the end. Somehow it always does.

**Pisces** Feb. 20 - March 20
You will get the chance to put relationships on a firmer footing — make good use of it. It will be easier if you are willing to confess that your attitude has been part of the problem.

## CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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